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MARKED SUPERIORITY OF CHINESE AVIATORS OVER THE JAPANESE

JAPANESE STORY NOT ACCEPTED BY AMERICA

London, Dec. 28: The "Manchester Guardian" states that the United States Government while accepting the Japanese apology for the bombing and sinking of the U.S.S. Panay has made it clear that it does not and will not accept the Japanese story.

The Japanese authorities, says the paper, should not think that they have safely pacified the American people. There is nothing in the American press or in the actions of the United States Government to suggest that they have, the paper concludes.

JAPANESE LAND NEAR MACAO

Macao, Dec. 28: After shelling, the Japanese landed 200 marines on Wengcum Island, employing motor-towed skiffs from one cruiser, one transport and two destroyers. No report from the Portuguese authorities there, where the Portuguese possess rights, has yet been received.

Wengcum is part of an island close to Macao. The island is half Chinese and called Wengcum and the Portuguese half is called Montana.

SOUND OF HEAVY ARTILLERY

Macao, Dec. 28. Macao was awakened at 5.20 this morning by the sound of heavy artillery ten miles southwest of the city and south of Wengcum Island. Seven shots were fired.

CANTON SCEPTICS

Canton, Dec. 28. Nearly two days have passed since Japanese vessels were sighted near Macao and the fear spread that a landing might be attempted, and still there is no official word of it having occurred.

Exhaustive inquiries in Chinese quarters reveal comparative unconcern at this latest alarm. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the Japanese threat to South China is diminishing rather than increasing and shops and other establishments of Canton which closed after the September raids are gradually reopening.

In view of the possibility of the invasion of South China several foreign newsmen have arrived here, including "United Press" and "Associated Press" representatives.

ANTI-GOD MOVEMENT

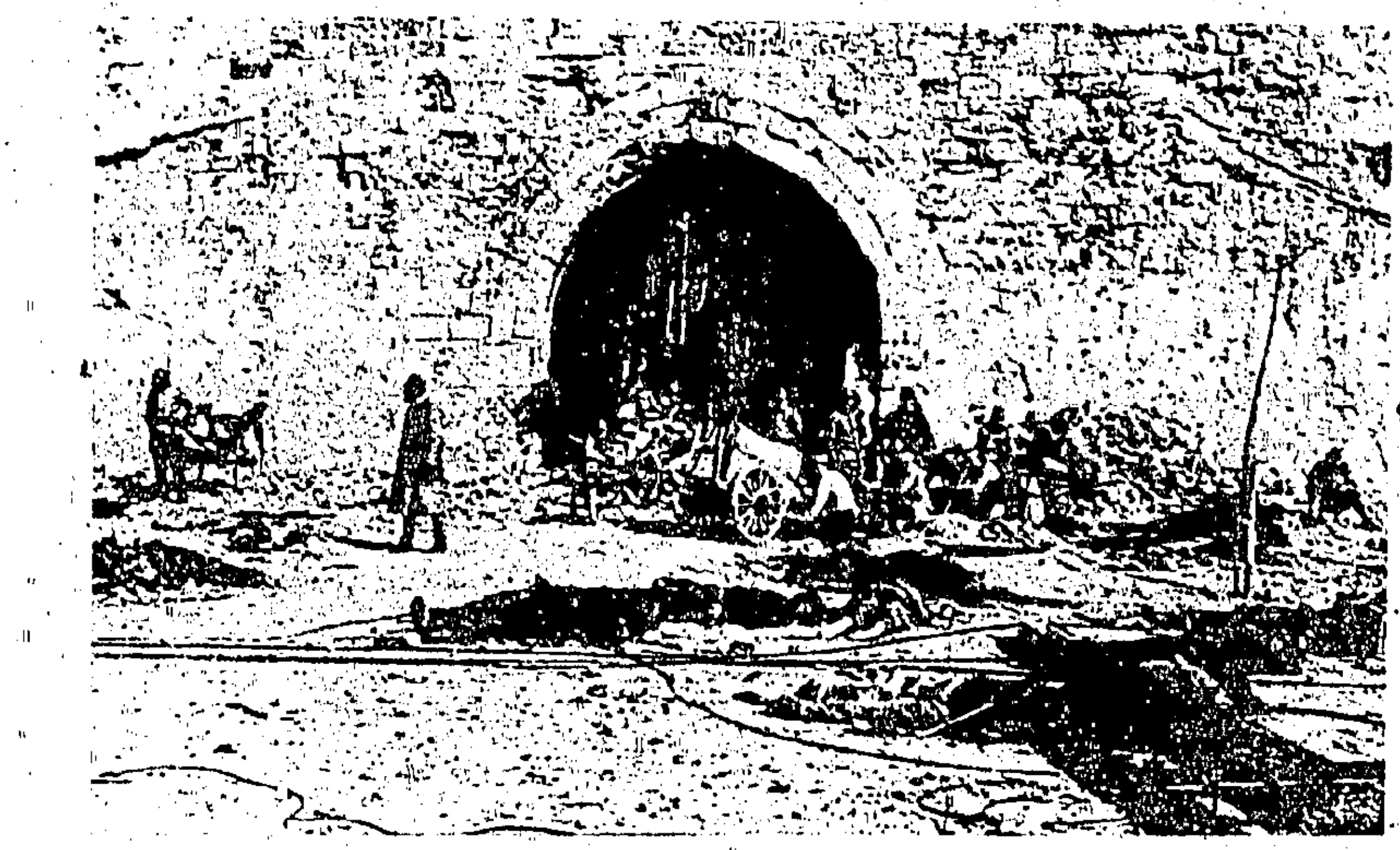
The anti-God movement in Soviet Russia is being carried out with much determination, it being learned that the authorities have raised the Church Tax by 120 per cent in the hope that the churches will close down rather than carry on under such severe financial strain.

FRANCO DECLARES AMNESTY

News was received in the Colony last evening to the effect that the Xmas amnesty law, declared by General Franco affected 25 men who were recently sentenced to death.

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Scene outside the South Gate after the Japanese assault on Nanking.

CO-OPERATION BETWEEN BRITAIN AND U.S.

FACTOR TO BE RECKONED BY POTENTIAL AGGRESSORS

Yangtse Outrages Stiffened And Shocked Public Opinion

London, December 28: Closer co-operation between countries pledged to uphold a democratic form of government, particularly that between Britain and the United States, is the subject of lengthy comments in the "Times" which discusses future relations between Japan and America in the light of events in the Far East. The paper says that it is an undoubted fact that the Yangtse outrages have considerably helped to form and mould the views of foreign Governments apart from having stiffened and shocked public opinion outside Japan.

Indeed, adds the "Times", they have not been without effect on public opinion in Japan.

The policy which Japan has elected to pursue in the Far East prescribes a course which of necessity will have to be adopted by other Powers. In this sense, concludes the "Times", the United States and Britain, which have the same interests to defend, will see themselves obliged to proceed along parallel lines.

The "Daily Telegraph" commenting on New York's appeal says that if the two democracies, Britain and the United States, agree to act in concert it is because they claim a big share of interest in preserving peace in the Far East.

The "Daily Herald" says that co-operation with the United States on the present scale and intensity did not exist at all one year ago. It has already become a factor with which every potential aggressor would have to reckon.

The "News Chronicle", in reference to the same subject, is of the opinion that although the big democracies are determined to retain their independence of action they are bound to proceed along parallel lines—anything over and above this cannot be expected in view of the present state of American public opinion.

Transoceanic News Service.

TRAM OFF THE RAILS

A slight dislocation of tramway traffic, resulting in the holding up of several west bound cars, was caused by the partial derailment of tram No. 80, at the junction of Hennessy Road and Tin Lok Lane at 6.15 p.m. yesterday. The cause of the accident is understood to be an error in the switching of rails at that point. The breakdown gang soon arrived on the scene and the car was righted within ten minutes. No one was injured.

R.M.A. DAEDALUS

The R. M. A. Daedalus arrived at 2.15 p.m. yesterday from Penang with two passengers from Bangkok and 562.093 kilos of mail and 8.900 kilos of freight aboard.

TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES

Tightening Up The Regulations

With a view to preventing constant transmission from certain foreign ships here to their home governments the Hong Kong Government has tightened up regulations preventing the use of radio apparatus aboard ships in these waters.

Regulations issued under the Telecommunication Ordinance of 1936 prohibited the use of wireless apparatus by all British and foreign ships, except warships, while they were within the harbour limits.

New regulations were issued yesterday morning prohibiting the use of such apparatus anywhere within Hong Kong waters.

Immediately ships enter Hong Kong waters they will be required to close down their wireless installation, which may not be used again until the ship leaves British waters, unless for reasons of safety of life at sea.

SPANISH WAR

Port Bou Shelled

London, Dec. 28: Insurgent warships fired six shells on Port Bou where considerable damage is reported.

Government reports indicate that the insurgents are still holding out in two buildings in Teruel while the insurgents claim that their relief forces are advancing on Teruel, and causing heavy losses to the Government forces.

A report from Barcelona states that insurgent planes are less active on that front but Salamanca asserts that insurgent aircraft inflicted a veritable carnage on the Government positions.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

INSURGENTS' ATTACK FRENCH SHIP

Destroyer Rushes To Assistance

Paris, Dec. 28: The French steamer Yolande was fired on by insurgent warships whereupon she wireless for help. She was ordered by the insurgents to lower her aerials and to be escorted by the warships when a French destroyer appeared on the scene in answer to her call for assistance and escorted the Yolande to a French port.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

Martyn Sherwood, who was in command.

The ketch was purchased by the Admiralty to afford experience to junior officers in handling a small ship under sail.

Ground Organisation The Weak Point

LIGHT-FUSED BOMBS WROUGHT HAVOC

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Accustomed though the Colony now is to the tales of horror and destruction that reach us daily from all parts of China, consequent on the war of aggression that is being waged on the country by the Japanese, the following story, told to me by a foreign resident in Nanking who arrived in the Colony yesterday, gives a new perspective of the conditions that obtain in war-torn China to-day.

My informant, who is well-qualified to speak on the subject, states that the Chinese army has plenty of small arms and ammunition, but where they are so badly handicapped is their lack of artillery. The Japanese, on the other hand, are well provided with these very necessary weapons of war, and their artillery is good. They shell and bomb the Chinese out of their positions and the rapidly with which they move up their artillery has surprised everybody.

Japanese planes have been so active along the Nanking-Shanghai Road that this has been very badly knocked about and in parts almost impassable, while the road from Nanking to Chinkiang was, as recently as a week ago, littered with refugees making their getaway from Nanking.

Up to about two weeks ago the Japanese air force were using a type of bomb that made a very big hole in the ground, consequently the explosion was somewhat delayed but they are now using a 250-pound bomb with an astonishingly light fuse and these are playing havoc with the civilian population who are being attacked mercilessly from the air.

ARMOUR-PIERCING BULLET
The Japanese air force have got an armour-piercing bullet with a copper core and this, according to my informant, has a magnificent penetration.

As has been stated so many times since the outbreak of hostilities, the Chinese in the air are far superior to the Japanese but their organisation is poor in that when the alarm is sounded they never take to the air quickly enough with the result that their machines are bombed on the ground. This is, in a large measure, due to the slowness of their Intelligence Department in giving the air raid warning.

To draw one special comparison between the pilots of the two countries, the Japanese aviator will dive from a height of 6000 to 7000 feet at an angle of about 45 degrees but the Chinese pilot, who has been properly taught, always banks on his wing and then dive vertically onto his target, regardless of the height he may be flying at the time.

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Arrivals By "Capetown"

REFUGEE CRUISER IN PORT

The following refugees arrived in the Colony yesterday by H.M.S. Capetown from (North China):

Dr. and Mrs. Henry McClelland and Marion, aged 2 (Hankow); Mrs. Barbara Strong and Anne, aged 2 (Hankow); Mrs. Mary Hall and Honor, aged 8, Anne, aged 7, Jane, aged 14 and Bridget, aged five months (Hankow); Mrs. Bunty Purry and Daphne, aged 7 and Marilyn, aged 6 (Hankow); Mrs. Poppy Barson and John, aged 11 (Hankow); Miss "Peter" Dewsbury (Hankow); Mrs. Connie Richardson and Thomas, aged 11 months (Wuchang); Mrs. Cherry Billingham and Jennifer, aged 6 months (Hankow); Mrs. Hilliard (Nanking); Mrs. Roberta Sandler and Melvin, aged 8 and Julia, aged 17 months; Mr. Peter Proby (Wuhu); Mrs. Kathleen Davies and Geoffrey, aged 24 (Hankow); Mrs. Elsie Drew and George, 4 months (Hankow); Mr. Brian Reid (Konan); Mrs. Dorothy Clegg and Anthony, aged 3 (Hankow); Enid March and Reginald, aged 24 (Hankow); Mrs. Bunty Marshall and Christopher, aged 6 weeks (late Nanking); Mrs. Evelyn Moyles (late Nanking); Mrs. Annie Harwood and Charles, aged 3 months (Tayen); Mr. and Mrs. Shields (Nanking); Mrs. Jessie Williams and Peter, aged 2 and Anne, aged 4 months (Hankow); Mrs. Mary Owen (Hankow); Mrs. Anne Logan, nurse to Rosemary, aged 10 and Melmel, aged 8, Blandford (Hankow); Mrs. Ethel Hutcheon and Ian, aged 12, Robin, aged 9 and Patrick, aged 2 (Hankow); Mrs. Y. T. Loke and Ah Ding, aged 3 (Hankow). Also son born at 10.10 a.m. on Christmas Day—weight 7 lbs. Attended by Dr. McClelland and Mrs. Richardson.

*Disembarked at Wusung.

JAPANESE CLAIM TO NAVAL EQUALITY

Upheld In Italian Press

Rome, Dec. 28: The Japanese claim to naval equality with Britain and the United States is upheld by Gayda, writing in the "Giornale D'Italia" who declared, "We don't see why Japan should not arm herself level to the British and American navies: Opposition to equal armament means opposition to Japan's equal rights and aspirations in the world."

TO CHEER THE TROOPS

Officials From Yokohama

Bringing encouragement to Japanese soldiers in Central China, seven members of the Yokohama Municipal Assembly, led by Mr. Mineo Hirano, arrived here on Tuesday afternoon aboard the a.s. Nagasaki Maru, says the "North China Daily News" of December 23. Mr. Hirano brought messages addressed to Gen. Iwane Matsui and Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi Hasegawa, respectively Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Force in Central China and Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese China Sea Fleet.

During a three weeks' tour Mr. Hirano will go as far as Nanking if possible, he said. The group left Yokohama on December 18, while another delegation despatched by the Yokohama Assembly went to North China on a similar mission.

Representing Shinto, priests throughout Japan, Mr. Shinichi Ohta, manager of the Japan Shinto Priests Association, also arrived here in the Nagasaki Maru to encourage troops at the front.

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London Silver Market

(From Our Own Correspondent).
London, Dec. 28.
London silver prices to-day were down 1/4 for "Spot" and 1/8 for "Forward" as follows:—
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REMINISCENCES OF THE CORONATION

Interesting Talk At The Rotary Club

An interesting and illuminating talk on "Reminiscences of the Coronation" was given by Mr. E. J. R. Mitchell at yesterday's Rotary Club Tiffin in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel. Mr. Mitchell, it will be recalled, was one of the Colony's representatives at the Coronation and as a member of the King's Colonial Escort in the actual march to and from the Abbey, was well qualified to describe the magnificent pageantry and colour of the Procession.

Before introducing the speaker, the chairman extended greetings of the season to fellow-members and welcomed the following visiting Rotarians and guests—J. C. Marsh, Yinson Lee, G. G. Bradford, W. J. Hawkins (Shanghai); E. P. Mathewson (Tucson, Arizona); Kat Suez (Tsingtao); R. Cass (Cleveland); Capt. F. Bleasbey (Johannesburg); H. P. Jacks (Sarawak); D. A. Ross, J. H. Tons, J. A. Duff, B. J. Chen (Shanghai), and T. A. Martin, C. Baker, Major Macdonald, A. Nissim, U. Sze-wing (Hong Kong). He announced that Messrs. L. Kadoorie, N. Garland and E. de Chaffoy had been elected members of the Club and he extended a hearty welcome to them. It was also revealed that a sum of \$350 had been raised through the last tiffin and this would be handed to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

MR. MITCHELL'S TALK

Mr. Mitchell said:—"Mr. President, Fellow Rotarians and Guests—I have been asked to give you to-day some account of my experiences and reminiscences of the Coronation. I feel that a description of the Coronation by itself would not be so interesting without some of the social events surrounding it. I will, therefore, start off by giving you an idea of the warmth of our welcome on arrival. Home. I found no less than nineteen invitations awaiting me for various functions but the two which interested me most were an invitation to the Spithead Coronation. Review and one which read:—"You have been provisionally selected to serve as King's Colonial Escort for the Coronation and will report to the Dragoon Guards as early as possible where saddery and a charger will be supplied." Fortunately for me this notification was dated ten days previous to my arrival and an Officer from the Gold Coast got there first, so I did not have to spend the first few days of my "leave" falling off horses practising to the accompaniment of music, cheering Tommies and gun salutes.

The first official function was a reception at Londonderry House where we were the guests of Lord and Lady Londonderry. Eventually Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone, who were the guests of the evening arrived. I must tell you that just before their arrival my wife sat down next to a dear old Dowager who looked her up and down, in return for which she got a dirty look from my wife. To our horror, when Princess Alice arrived, she went up and kissed the old lady. She was the Queen's Mother! (Laughter).

The next social event was dinner with the Brigade of Guards at their Mess in Wellington Barracks. It was a very interesting affair and I met there a Major Weir commanding the New Zealand Contingent and also the Rhodesian Adjutant. I was on the left of Col. Balfour who was with the Scots Guards out here in 1927 and I met again Major General Sir B. Serghson Brooke who was also out here and was knighted in the Coronation honours. He was in command of the Brigade of Guards.

HONG KONG TO THE FORE

On the following night, May 7th, was another big reception, this time at Lancaster House, where the Secretary of State for the Colonies and Lady Ormsby Gore were entertaining. Again the London Crowd turned up in their thousands to watch the arrivals of the guests. This time we were more fortunate than at Londonderry House because we not only found a number of Hong Kong Friends but also the Bar, which seemed conspicuous by its absence at the former show. Among the Hong Kong people were Sir William Shenton, Rotarian Hampden Ross, the Fergusons of the Chartered Bank, the Sayers, the Armstrongs, P. L. Collison, Dr. T'so and son and the Stanley Dodwells, so Hong Kong was well represented. This was the last reception before Coronation week.

On the Monday morning of Coronation Week I went up to Wellington Barracks to report in uniform at 11 a.m. when our rehearsal of the Coronation Parade was held. We had to get into our positions "eight abreast, with subalterns and Junior Captains in the front rank working back to Senior Majors and Lieutenant Colonels in the Rear Rank. Behind us were the other ranks of the respective Crown Colonies.

After our rehearsal on the Monday morning we were allowed to return to our quarters which were Wellington Barracks, R.A.M.C. Officers' Mess Millbank, and the Vanderbilt Hotel, Cromwell Road, which latter was to be the home of Rotarian Ross and myself for Coronation Week. My family was billeted in Sloane Street.

RAINED ALL DAY

On the Tuesday, the day before the Coronation, it rained solidly all day till about 5 p.m. and the weather was bitter and raw. We had to parade in the Barrack rooms at Wellington Barracks for an inspection by Field Marshal the Earl of Cavan who was commanding the parade.

On Tuesday evening all Officers had to remain in quarters to await possible cloaking orders in case the weather did not clear. Ours being a Temperance Hotel we detailed a subaltern from the Malay States Volunteers to be at the end of the telephone while Colombo, Straits Settlements, Hong Kong, and East Africa walked across the road to Balleys Hotel to drink the very good health of His Majesty and ourselves.

CORONATION MORNING

On Coronation morning we did not have to rise until 8 a.m. and breakfasted at 9 a.m. Unfortunately, there was a noisy party of (Continued on back Page)

FORGERY CHARGE

Young Chinese Woman Remanded

Wong Sai-so, a young Chinese woman, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with possession of forged Hong Kong Government currency notes. She was formally remanded a week, hearing of the case being fixed for the afternoon of Thursday, January 6.

Detective-Inspector O'Donovan is prosecuting and Mr. S. Ng Quinn is for the defence.

POSSESSION OF OPIUM

Found in possession of non-Government prepared opium at the Yuen On Wharf on December 24, Tsang Kau, 44, unemployed, was brought before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy yesterday. He pleaded guilty and a fine of \$300 or two months' hard labour was imposed.

Mr. E. H. M. Reiton has been authorised by the Governor-in-Council to perform the duties of an auditor in the Colony of Hong Kong.

CROWN LAND SALE

At a sale of Crown land held at the Public Works Department yesterday, Inland Lot No. 5097 (about 8,600 square feet in area), situated in the west of Inland Lot No. 2684, Tin Hau Temple Road, was sold to Mrs. Kong-Sui-wan at the upset price of \$8,600. The annual rental is \$158.

TRAFFIC COURT

L. D. Kilbee, well-known Inter-port cricketer, was fined \$3 by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday for sounding the horn of his car in a silent zone, Pedder Street, between midnight and 6 a.m. on December 15. He pleaded guilty by letter.

In a similar case, A. G. Coppin, who admitted the offence through a representative, was also fined \$3.

DEATH OF FAMOUS WELSH SINGER

New York, Dec. 27. The death is announced of Dan Beddoe, the famous Welsh singer, at the age of 74.

FAILED TO "BLACK OUT"

Ferry Wharf Official In Court

Two convictions for breach of light control regulations on the night of the "Black Out" on December 9, were registered against two persons, a shop master and the Inspector of the Shamshupo Ferry Wharf, at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday.

Lung Kwai, master of the Wo Fung shop at No. 155, Wuhu Street, Hungnam was fined \$40 by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett when he pleaded guilty to the charge of failing to shade a light on December 9. Inspector Russell said that defendant had been warned by a police constable to have the lamp obscured but on returning about 15 minutes later the light had not been shaded.

ABSOLUTE MINIMUM

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence in the case in which an Inspector in charge of the Shamshupo Ferry Wharf was summoned for the same offence. He pleaded not guilty to the charge saying that the lights put on were the absolute minimum for the safety to the ferry launches.

Sergt. Kelly who prosecuted said that he was on duty during the general "Black Out" in the Shamshupo district. About 9.25 p.m. he visited the ferry wharf and found two electric lamps switched on. One was in the centre of the wharf while another was over a clock near the entrance. Defendant was not present at the time but on the following day he telephoned to the Yau-mat Ferry office to inquire for the person in charge and was informed that it was defendant.

On being cross examined Sergt. Kelly agreed that traffic lights were exempted to a certain degree but he did not consider the light over the clock had anything to do with traffic guidance.

Mr. A. V. Young, Director and secretary of the Yau-mat Ferry Company was then called to give evidence for the defence. He stated that prior to the "Black Out" experiment he had gone to the Harbour Office to inquire about lights to guide the passengers from disembarking the ferry and he was told that he could have it on if there was a certain amount of risk. During the two hours of the "black out" he said that he personally went round the 5 wharves to see that lights should be reduced to the minimum. First all lamps were brought into use but they were found ineffective for the safety of the passengers, and then the electric lights were turned on.

Regarding the Shamshupo Wharf he stated that he had left words that the lights in the first class and third class compartment should be turned on but he knew nothing about the one over the clock as stated by Sergt. Kelly.

Mr. Keen convicted defendant, holding the view that the light over the clock was not indispensable and fined defendant a sum of \$20.

DRUNK AND DISORDERLY

The two Japanese, Akira Masuda, 23, and Yutaka Kodawa, 32, who were charged with being drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner in Peking Road on Christmas night, and causing wilful damage to Government property were convicted and fined by Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday when they appeared on remand.

Both defendants were alleged to have struggled with Sergt. Esthall, then in plain clothes, who attempted to bring them to the police station.

First and second defendants were fined \$20 and \$5 respectively and were each ordered to pay \$2.50 for interpreter's fee and for the damage mentioned in the second charge.

CLAIMED HEROIN WAS HERS

Seventy-five ounces of heroin powder, sufficient to make two millions pills, were claimed by a 73-year-old woman, Leung Tai-ho when her house at No. 3, Kansu Street, 2nd floor was raided by Senior Revenue Officer A. W. Grimmit on December 20.

As result of this Leung Tai-ho was charged before Mr. K. Keen at the Kowloon Police Court yesterday with the "possession" of the dangerous drug and was convicted and sentenced to two months' imprisonment. She was also recommended for banishment at the expiration of her prison term.

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Return Of Toys And Books Ordered

Viscount Kingsborough, 39, heir of the Earl of Kingsborough, was given judgment in Bloomsbury County Court against Miss Adele Royle, actress and mannequin, of Albany-street, Regent's Park, for the return of a number of articles alleged to have been wrongfully detained. The articles comprised a number of books, including seven volumes of the official Naval History of the Great War, six or seven miniature locomotives, four miniature carriages and a quantity of rail lines, carpentry tools and model soldiers and guns.

Mr. Cecil R. Havers, for Lord Kingsborough, said that his client met Miss Royle in 1929, and in November, 1930, he took a flat at Wyndham-court, Hallamstreet, W., for seven years.

Miss Royle lived there, and Lord Kingsborough, when in London, lived there with her. He paid all the expenses, and supplied the furniture. He took to the flat a number of his personal belongings. In January, 1936, said counsel, Lord Kingsborough surrendered the lease of the flat to the B.B.C., who had acquired the block of buildings. At that time he broke his association with Miss Royle.

BREACH OF PROMISE ACTION
In August, 1936, she brought an action for breach of promise of marriage, but on the case coming into court she submitted to judgment in favour of Lord Kingsborough, with costs.

Lord Kingsborough, in evidence, detailed the value of the various articles. Speaking of the carpenter's tools, he said, "I used to make some of the models."

Mr. J. Bodilly, for Miss Royle: Soon after you met the defendant in 1929 you fell very much in love with her?—I would not say that. I liked her very much.

You made her believe that you were going to marry her?—No. Judge Sir S. A. Hill Bely: That does not seem to touch the question I have before me. You must not introduce it.

Mr. Bodilly: Did you ever say to Miss Royle that everything in that flat was hers?—Not in my mind.

When you were staying together at the flat you used to play every night with these trains and guns?—Occasionally.

PRESENT OF FURNITURE
In answer to the judge Lord Kingsborough said that he made her a present of the furniture.

Miss Royle was then called. She said that while at the flat she was in love with Lord Kingsborough. When he purchased a number of the articles he said to her, "These will be a nice collection for you."

She had since sold the articles, as she had no money. She was living with her mother in North London.

Reference was made in the Court of Appeal to two verses of a poem entitled "National Rat Week" being sealed up. The other six verses were published in "Cavalcade" on Feb. 13.

Mr. Osbert Sitwell, the poet, appealed from an order of Mr. Justice Clauson, who had heard a procedure summons in a pending action by Mr. Sitwell against News Periodicals Ltd., and Sun Engraving Company Ltd., publishers and printers respectively of "Cavalcade."

Mr. Sitwell alleged that the six verses were an infringement of his copyright in the poem. News Periodicals asked for an inspection of the whole of the poem and on Oct. 28 Mr. Justice Clauson ordered inspection within 21 days, "otherwise," he said, "the action will be dismissed with cost."

Mr. John Foster, for Mr. Sitwell, said that only News Periodicals were concerned in the appeal.

In the middle of the poem there was a part that was sealed up, he said. Mr. Sitwell said the disclosure of that part might tend to incriminate him. In fact Mr. Justice Clauson said he could understand Mr. Sitwell's apprehension that he might, by the publication of the entire poem, lay himself open to proceedings.

RULE OF LAW
"I submit," said Mr. Foster, "that it is a well-settled rule of law that nobody can be ordered to incriminate himself. The Judge's order was for inspection of an irrelevant part of the poem, since the action is concerned with the alleged breach of copyright of six verses only."

"I say the 'whole work' is the work as published and not the complete work as written. Even if I publish eight stanzas, two of which are obscene, and the defendants publish the same eight stanzas, I still cannot be made to say whether I published the poem or not."

Asked what was the objection to giving the address, Miss Royle said, "My mother has been very ill."

The Judge: I have never known a witness of any repute refuse it, but does the address matter?

Mr. Bodilly said that the action was "disgraceful and should never have been brought against anyone in the position of the defendant. Lord Kingsborough had lived with her for all that time, and when he had discharged her he brought an action to recover, toys with which they amused themselves at the flat."

Judgment was given for the return of the articles within seven days and, in default, payment of £50. Costs were awarded to Lord Kingsborough.

TOGOLAND CAPTURED BY BLUFF

How Irish Subaltern Outwitted The Germans

The story of how an Irish subaltern bluffed the Germans into surrendering Togoland was told for the first time recently by Maj.-Gen. Sir Reginald Hoskine and Viscount Davidson at the Ashridge Fellowship reunion at the Bonar Law College, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

Sir Reginald said that early in the war he and Lord Davidson used to go to the Colonial Office to help in handling code messages. One day they received a message from a subaltern in the Cameroons, who probably had under his command two men and a boy, announcing that he was going to take Togoland.

"GENERAL TOGO"
Next morning another message arrived saying that he had attacked, and that all was well.

"By this time," Sir Reginald added, "we called him 'General Togo' I do not know his name, but I hope he is a general now."

Lord Davidson, taking up the story, said that the capture was one of the most brilliant things which had ever been done. The young officer converted his two men and a boy into a "stage army."

It was impossible for a small force to take the capital, Kamena, unless strategy were exercised. The young officer marched his force up and down the country, and arranged with the natives to run into Kamena and report that

there were enemy forces all over the place.

THE SURRENDER
The result was that the Germans were led to believe that there were 1,500 men, instead of two men and a boy. He took an advance guard of a half company of the Gold Coast West African Frontier Force, a white subaltern and two white non-commissioned officers. He sent a white flag into Kamena and announced that he proposed to take the town by assault next morning unless it was surrendered.

Next morning, said Lord Davidson, the Germans decided to surrender. The young officer made it a condition that they should pile their arms in a square on the town by which he proposed to approach, and that the Germans should retire into the centre of the town.

During the night he had the whole of his force practising how to extract bolts from rifles and render the weapons useless. On the following day he advanced with his small party and found the arms piled as he had commanded.

He and his escort advanced further, while the remainder of the force removed the bolts from the rifles. He then sent a telegram announcing "Togoland surrendered to me 8 a.m." He ended that campaign as a major. It is understood that the officer was Lt.-Col. F. C. Bryan.

WOMAN DOCTOR SHOT DEAD BY BROTHER

Assailant Then Takes Own Life

Two Richmond firemen described recently how they were called, in the early morning, to the scene of a double tragedy. The victims, brother and sister, were:

Dr. Naomi Dancy, 49, wife of Dr. John Dancy, of Queen's-road, and her brother.

Maurice Odell Tribe, 43, an ex-Army officer, who lost an eye in the war and who was losing the sight of the other.

Fireman Gibbs and Fireman Lawrence both contributed to the following narrative:

"We were on ambulance duty when we were called to the home of Dr. Dancy. We found the door open and the doctor and the maid standing in the hall."

"The doctor was in a very distressed condition. We had to restrain him. He told us: 'My wife's brother has shot her eyes out and killed himself. He feared blindness and was jealous of my wife's eyes.'"

"We went up to the first floor and saw the woman lying in bed. She must have been asleep at the time. There was no sign of a struggle."

"In the bath room we found the body of the man. It was clad in pyjamas and dressing gown, with a revolver in his right hand and an open cut-throat razor in his left."

"There was a gash on the right side of his neck and he had bled profusely. A shaving mirror was placed so that he could have seen himself as he cut his throat."

"Dr. Dancy told us that he was typing a letter in his study when he heard shots."

"I came out of the study," he said, "and in the bath room doorway, facing me, was my brother-in-law. I asked him what he had done. He replied that he would kill me too and fired."

"I ducked and switched the lights off. The shot went through a window."

"Dr. Dancy added that he ran in to his wife's room."

HUSBAND'S PRAYER

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for her. He knelt down and prayed, saying 'What have I done to deserve this?'

We called the police when we found that he had not done so."

Tribe had stayed with his sister and brother-in-law for a few weeks.

It is understood that treatment on his eye by Dr. Dancy was apparently successful.

The names of Dr. Dancy and his wife are well known in Richmond and in medical circles in London.

The wife qualified as a surgeon only a day before her husband—on Sept. 29, 1914. Both took the diplomas of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P. in that year.

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'World Affairs'.
12-12-20 p.m. Relay of Special Service from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m. Primo Scala's Accordeon Band and Les Allen (Baritone).

Maracay (Gilbert-Nichols); My Little Buckaroo (Jerome-Schön); Accordeon Band; I'm All Alone (Feiner and May); Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors; In A Gypsy Caravan (Butler-Damerrell-Myers); Riding The Range In The Sky (Carlton)—Accordeon Band; Musical Comedy Requests—Les Allen and His Canadian Bachelors; You Can't Pull The Wool Over My Eyes (Ager-Newman-Mencher); When The Swallows Nest Again (Stevens—Edmund)—Accordeon Band, Three—Dance 'Hits'—Accordeon Band.

1 p.m. Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m. Lucienne Boyer (Soprano) and Orchestre Raymond. Delibes In Vienna (arr. G. Walter)—Orchestra; Ta Main (Aubret-Deletrre)—Lucienne Boyer; Song Of The Vagabonds (Friml); Only A Rose (Friml)—Orchestra; La Barque D'Yves (Tranchant); Ne Dis Pas Toujours (Lenoir)—Lucienne Boyer; Taming The Tiger (La Rocca); Orient Express (Mohr)—Orchestra.

1.30 p.m. Reuter and Rugby Press; Local Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 p.m. Mozart—Quintet In G Major, K.515.
Played by the Pro Arte Quartet.

2.15 p.m. Close down.

6-7 p.m. Chinese Programme.

7 p.m. Dance Records.

Tangos—Fireflowers, Fortuna—Robert Renard Dance Orchestra; Fox-Trots—No More You, Goodnight To You All—Jack Harris and His Orchestra; Stop! You're Breaking My Heart, Whispers In The Dark (film 'Artists and Models')—Roy Fox and His Orchestra; Swing As It Comes, Swingitis—Bert Firman's Quintuplets of Swing; Waltz—Sunshine In Spring; Fox-Trot—Land Of Love—Eugen Wolf and His Orchestra.

7.30 p.m. Closing local Stock Quotations and Hong Kong Exchange Market Report.

7.35 p.m. Variety.

Comedy Sketch—Sandy Wins The Football Pool—Sandy Powell and Company; Piano Duets—Garufa, Tango (Juan Antonio Collazo), La Cumparsita, Tango (G. Rodriguez)—Jean Wiener and Clement Ducet; Humorous Monologue—Christmas Humour In The Cook House—Billy Bennett; Humorous—Please Let Me Sleep On Your Doorstep To-Night—Billy Bennett and His Kerstone Quartette; Dance Music—We've Got Rhythm—Fox-Trot Medley—Mario Harp Lorenzi and His Rhythmites.

8 p.m. Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m. Studio—Luba Shaftain at the Piano.

1. Two Songs Without Words (Mendelssohn); 2. Mazurka (Chopin); Polish Song (Chopin); 3. English Dance (York Bowen); 4. Humoreske (Rachmaninoff); 5. December (Tschalkowsky).

8.25 p.m. Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

Dance Macabre (Saint-Saens, Op. 40); Samson And Delilah—Bachanale (Saint-Saens); Damnation Of Faust—Rakoczy March (Berlioz, Op. 24); Blue Danube—Waltz (Johann Strauss); Tales From The Vienna Woods (Johann Strauss).

9 p.m. London Relay—'World Affairs'.

A talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford.

9.15 p.m. Military Band Music.

Le Reve Passe (Krier and Helmer); Officer Of The Day (Hall); Grenadier Du Caucase (Meister); Entry Of The Gladiators (Frick)—Massed Bands of the Northern Command cond. by Bandmaster R.C. Hanney; A Wayside Sanctuary—Idyll (Gordon Mackenzie); Minstrel Memories (arr. W. Rimmer)—Grand Massed Brass Bands at the Leicester Brass Band Festival, 1936; Cond. by C. A. Anderson.

9.50 p.m. London Relay—The News.

9.50 p.m. Variety Programme.
Piano—'Four Aces' Suite (Billy Mayell); 1. Act of Clubs; 2. Act of Diamonds; 3. Act of Hearts; 4. Act of Spades—Rafé Da Costa; Hu-

morous—John Henry's Ghost—John Henry assisted by Gladys Horridge; Orchestra—Ballroom Memories—Waltzes—Debroys Somers Band; Comedians—Put It Down, The Old Oak Tree—Max Miller; Orchestra—Have You Anything On Tonight, Matilda Darling? Le Touquet (Damerrell-Clifton-Evans)—Billy Cotton and His Band; Laughing Record—Die Miss-glückte Jugendzeit; Orchestra—At Dawning; The Land Of The Sky Blue Water (Cadman), Alice Blue Gown (Tierney, McCarthy)—Guy Lombardo and His Royal Canadians; Vocal—Love's Last Word Is Spoken (Bixio), Out In The Cold, Cold Snow (film 'Love, Life and Laughter')—Gracie Fields; Dance Orchestras—Nora—Tango, Love's Loneliness—Tango—George Bou-langer and His Orchestra; Pagan Love Song—Fox-Trot, It Happened Down In Dixieland—Fox-Trot—Teddy Foster and His Kings Of Swing.

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Trans. I (G.S.O., G.S.G., G.S.B.).

4.15 p.m. Big Ben; Fredric Bayco, at the organ of the Dominion Theatre, Tottenham Court-road, London. 4.40 p.m. "World Affairs," a talk by J. L. Briery, O.B.E., Chichele Professor of International Law, Oxford. 4.55 p.m. The Empire Christmas Party for members of the Empire Broadcasting Service, who have invited Naughton Wayne to be Master of Ceremonies; also The Westwood Singers and Josef Marais and his Quintet, augmented by some of the Empire Staff; D. A. Stride, John Pudney, Pascoe Thornton, Jack Clarke, H. H. Stewart, and others will provide items, lyrics, and sketches. The grand finale—Sir de Coverley dance and Auld Lang Syne; production by F. H. C. Pir-ford. 5.35 p.m. The News and Announcements. 5.55 p.m. "Contraband," an historical reconstruction of the old struggle between smugglers and the King's Customs; compiled by Igor Vinogradoff; produced by H. L. Morrow.

Trans. II (G.S.H., G.S.G., G.S.B.).

6.45 p.m. Big Ben; Schumann's Chamber Music—1: The Norbert Wethmar Piano Quintet. 7.15 p.m. "The Year's Poetry"; An anthology of the latest work of living poets, compiled by Denys Kilham Roberts. 7.35 p.m. The New Victoria Cinema Orchestra, Bradford. 8.15 p.m. "A Few Turns in St. James's Park"—Pepys; A talk by E. L. Turnbull. 8.30 p.m. "Music in the Morning." The Arthur Dulay Quintet. 8.50 p.m. "World Affairs." 9.15 p.m. The News and Announcements.

Trans. III (G.S.H., G.S.G., G.S.B.).

10.15 p.m. Big Ben; Leonard and his Orchestra, from the Alexandra Hall, Bournemouth. 10.50 p.m. "Contraband." 11.20 p.m. Peter Dawson, with the B.B.C. Male-Voice Chorus and the B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra. 12.30 a.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 12.15 a.m. 12.23 a.m. "Matters of Moment," a talk by Diwan Bahadur Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, C.I.E., in a series for listeners in India. 12.35 a.m. Cello Recital by Nikolai Graudan.

AUSTRALIA

12.35 p.m. "At Home and Abroad"—"The Watchman." 12.50 p.m. Musical Interlude. 1 p.m. Time Signal. Victorian News Bulletin. 1.15 p.m. Interstate Weather Notes. 1.50 p.m. Musical Interlude. 1.55 p.m. "At Home and Abroad"—"The Watchman." 1.30 p.m. Descriptions of the Epsom Races and Sheffield Shield Cricket Matches, Victoria v. New South Wales and South Australia v. Queensland. 5.15 p.m. Close. 6.30 p.m. Chimes. Fifteen Minutes of Popular Music. 6.45 p.m. Sporting News and Notes. 7 p.m. Talk—"Adventures in the Air" by Mr. Norman Ellison. 7.20 p.m. National News Bulletin. 7.30 p.m. Queensland and North Australian News Bulletin. 7.40 p.m. News, Markets and Weather for North Australia. 8 p.m. The National Military band, Conductor, Stephen Yorke. 8.40 p.m. Travel Letter from Denzil Batchelor. 8.50 p.m. Interlude. 9 p.m. Light Orchestral Programme by the A.B.C. (Adelaide) Concert Orch. 9.30 p.m. Piano Recital. 9.50 p.m. Choral Fantasia. 10.15 p.m. Recorded Feature. 10.30 p.m. Australasian News Service. 10.55 p.m. Recorded Feature. 11.30 p.m. Close.

RADIO NEWS IN ARABIC

New B. B. C. Programme

London, Dec. 27.

The B.B.C. announce that the first transmission of news in foreign languages will be broadcast in Arabic on January 3, next from 6 p.m. until 6.15 p.m. G.M.T. on a wavelength of 31.32 metres. Several distinguished representatives of the Arabic speaking countries in the Near East will participate in the opening ceremony.

Prince Seifa Islam Hussain, son of Imam Yemen, will broadcast before the news bulletin and four other messages of greeting will be broadcast from the Egyptian Minister (read in his absence in Egypt by the Charge d'Affaires in the Egyptian Embassy) and the Ministers to India, Arabia, Iraq and Sir Bernard Reilly, Governor of Aden.

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7 a.m. Radio-Journal of France (French News). 7.20 a.m. Gramophone Records. 8.15 a.m. Talk on French Events. 8.30 a.m. Leading Press Articles. 8.45 a.m. Gramophone Records. 9 a.m. News in French. 9.30 a.m. Gramophone Records. 9.40 a.m. News in English. 9.50 a.m. News in Italian. 10 a.m. Close Down.

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11 a.m. Gramophone Records. 11.45 a.m. Talk on Current French Events in Russian. 12 noon. News in English. 12.15 Concert Relayed from Nice. 12.45 p.m. Talk on French Events. 1 p.m. Concert Relayed from Paris-P.T.T. 1.30 p.m. News in French. Colonial Market Prices. 2 p.m. Economic and Social Talk by Mr. William Oualid. 2.10 p.m. Theatrical Talk by Mr. Pierre Seize. 2.20 p.m. Gramophone Records. 2.30 p.m. Symphonic Concert; Mr. Maillard-Verger (Piano); 3.55 p.m. Rates of Exchange and French Stock (Renties). 4 p.m. Close Down.

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5.15 p.m. News in French, Market Prices, Rates of Exchange. 5.45 p.m. News in Arabic. 6 p.m. Concert Relayed from Lille. 6.30 p.m. Concert Relayed from Paris-P.T.T. 6.50 p.m. Who's Who To-day by Mr. P. Pottecher. 7 p.m. Relay of Radio-Journal of France (French News). 7.30 p.m. News in French, Rates of Exchange. 8.10 p.m. News in English. 8.20 p.m. News in Italian. 8.30 p.m. Relay. 10.30 p.m. Colonial Market Prices. 10.45 p.m. News in Portuguese. 11 p.m. Close Down.

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11.15 p.m. Concert Relayed from Radio-Paris. 12.15 a.m. News in French, Market Prices, Rates of Exchange. 12.40 a.m. News in Spanish. 12.50 a.m. News in Portuguese. 1 a.m. Gramophone Records. 1.15 Close Down. 3 a.m. Gramophone Records. 4 a.m. News in French, Market Prices, Rates of Exchange. 4.30 a.m. News in English. 4.45 a.m. Gramophone Records. 5.45 a.m. News in German. 6 a.m. Close Down.

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Judge And Spanish Ship

Mr. Justice Langton, in the Admiralty Court dealt with the case of the Rita Garcia, one of the 30 Spanish ship lying under arrest in British ports.

The Rita Garcia is at Immingham, and Mr. St. Clair Plicher, K.C., recalled that in one group of cases, that of the Cristina and other ships under arrest in South Wales ports, Mr. Justice Bucknill last month set aside the Spanish owners' writ claiming possession, and said they had been duly requisitioned under decree by the Spanish Government.

The Court of Appeal confirmed Mr. Justice Bucknill's decision and refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords.

A petition had been addressed to the Appeal Committee of the House of Lords to review the Appeal Court decision.

Mr. J. V. Naisby, for the owners of the vessel, said she was requisitioned at Santander in October, 1936, before the date of the decree on which Mr. Justice Bucknill's decision was based. But Santander was captured this year by Gen. Franco. Did the Spanish Government really administer there now?

Mr. Justice Langton, if somebody else has set up machine-guns there, that cannot alter the law. We have not yet got to the state that machine-guns make law.

The Judge set aside the writ and arrest of the vessel by the owners, and said she must go to the Spanish Government as decided in the Cristina and other cases.

He would permit the arrest of the Rita Garcia to continue to give opportunity of appeal and time to learn what the House of Lords decided in the other cases.

Carrying trunks all day, says a railway porter, is an ideal alighting exercise. It doesn't seem to have done much for elephants

The persistent howling of a child, a psychologist tells us, is only its way of asking for something. It usually gets it, too.

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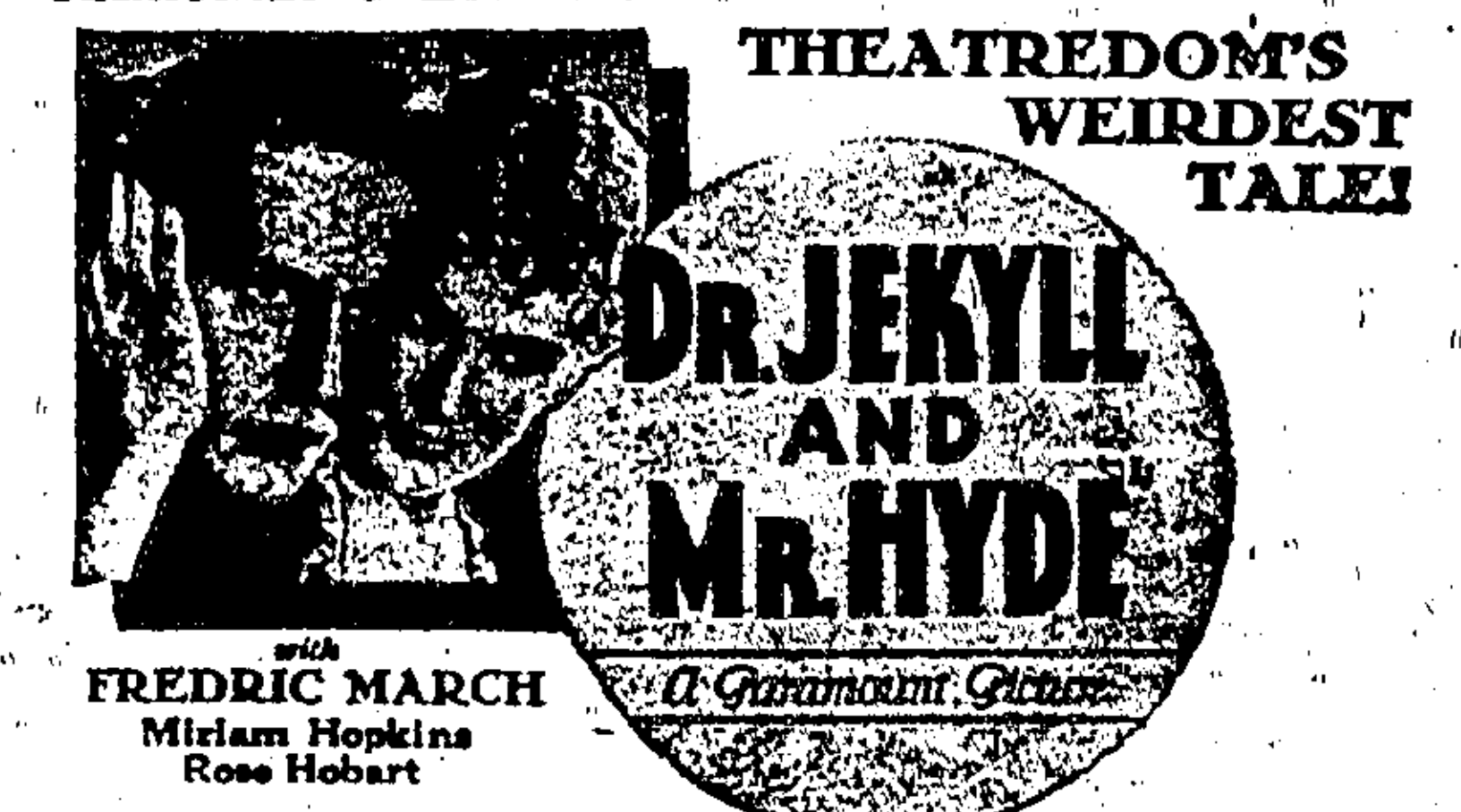


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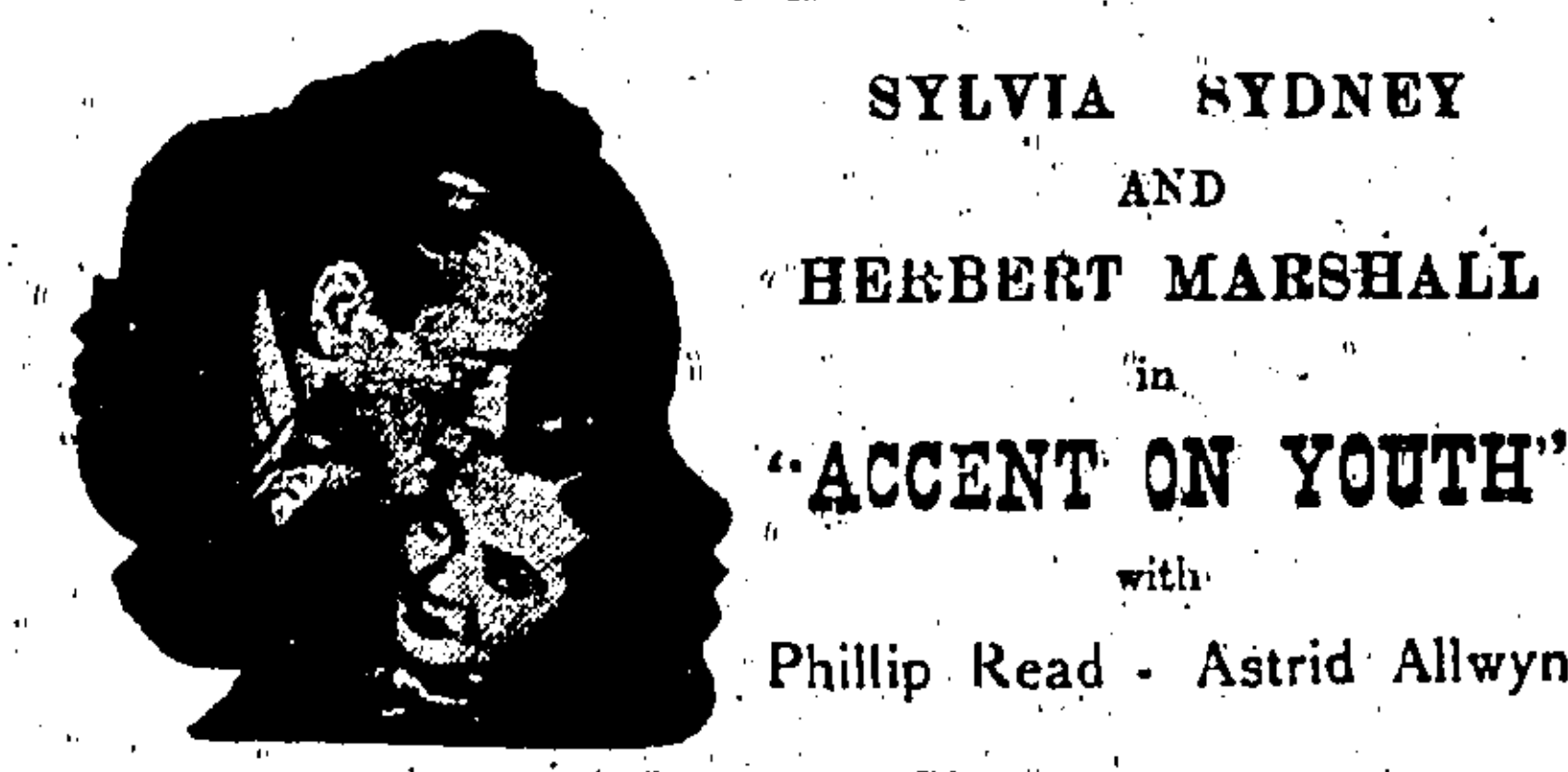
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TO-MORROW: CLAUDETTE COLBERT - HENRY WILCOXON in "CLEOPATRA"

TYPHOID INQUIRY TRIBUNAL

Two Assessors To Sit With K.C.

Sir Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, announced recently the personnel and terms of reference of the inquiry which, as stated in the House of Commons last week, is to be held into the outbreak of typhoid at Croydon. It will be conducted by Mr. H. L. Murphy, K.C., who is aged 55, was called to the Bar in 1910, and became a King's Counsel in 1936. He is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and late Barrington lecturer in political economy.

He will have the following two assessors: Sir Humphry Rolleston, physician to King George V., former Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge, President of the Royal College of Physicians and of the Royal Society of Medicine. Sir Humphry, who is 75, has been a member of several Royal commissions and departmental committees; Mr. H. J. F. Gourley, member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, past President of the Institution of the Geological Society of London. He is 52.

The purpose of the inquiry, the Ministry states, is to examine the causes leading up to the outbreak, and the steps taken to deal with it. The committee will sit "at an early date."

TO-DAY AT THE CINEMA

Hong Kong

KING'S:—"King Solomon's Mines."
QUEEN'S:—"45 Fathers."
ORIENTAL:—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

Kowloon

ALHAMBRA:—"Mr. Dodd Takes The Air."
STAR:—"Accent on Youth."
MAJESTIC:—"The Case of The Black Cat."

Coming

KING'S:—"Way Out West"
QUEEN'S:—"Angel"
ORIENTAL:—"The Road Back"
ALHAMBRA:—"Born Reckless."
STAR:—"Cleopatra"
MAJESTIC:—"Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

KING SOLOMON'S MINES

Rider Haggard's greatest adventure story, read and loved by millions upon millions of English-speaking people, comes alive on the screen at the King's Theatre to-day, when the Gaumont version of "King Solomon's Mines" has its opening performance, with a distinguished cast that includes Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Roland Young, Anna Lee, John Loder and Paul Robeson.

Battle scenes with thousands of giant Zulus fighting to the death, the perils of jungle and desert, the finding of the "fabulous diamond mines of Ophir," sequences quivering with excitement, followed in quick succession form one of the outstanding epic thrillers of the year.

FORTY-FIVE FATHERS

One father? She's got forty-five! One jam? She's in four hundred and fifty!

One laugh? There's at least forty-five hundred of them in "45 Fathers," fun-packed Twentieth Century-Fox picture starring Jane Withers, and featuring Thomas Beck, Louise Henry and the inimitable Hartmans, eccentric ventriloquists and Broadway satirists of the dance, which opens at the Queen's Theatre to-day.

A group of millionaires draw lots to determine "which lucky man is going to have his life brightened by this sweet little girl," and then shout for help as Jane starts throwing their dancing, voices and discretion to the winds in the funniest picture Jane ever made.

CASE OF THE BLACK CAT

Most baffling of all Erle Stanley Gardner murder mysteries is "The Case of the Black Cat," which is showing at the Majestic Theatre.

The plot is most unusual in that the first "murder" is a hoax and the man supposed to be killed turns up at the trial of the man accused of slaying him, while two actual murders are committed as the result of the trick. Six persons are suspected by the police, all of whom are proved innocent. The real killers are exposed at the trial of an innocent man by Perry Mason, the astute lawyer-detective who invariably solves mysteries that the police are unable to fathom.

Ricardo Cortez gives an unusually clever portrayal of Perry Mason as does June Travis as Della Street, his worldly wise secretary. Jane Bryan is lovely to look at and effective as the dramatic granddaughter of the millionaire, who has been cut off by his latest will.

ACTRESS'S DECREE

The decree nisi granted to the Hon. Mrs. Hermione Youlanda Ruby Clinton Tennant-Hermione Baddeley, the actress-for-divorce from the Hon. David Francis Tennant was among 119 decrees made absolute by the President, Sir Boyd Merriman, in the Divorce Court.

COSMOPOLITAN CAST

"The Adventures of Marco Polo" in which Gary Cooper is starring for Samuel Goldwyn starts in Venice, Italy, then wanders over half the eastern world. About the only nationality not represented by principals of the cast is Italian. Gary Cooper, who plays the Italian adventurer, was, for example, born in Helena, U.S.A.

Sigrid Gurle, blonde Scandinavian who plays the Chinese Princess Kuchichin, first saw daylight in Oslo, Norway.

Basil Rathbone, the villainous Saracen prime minister Ahmed, was born in South Africa.

Ernest Truex, who plays Marco Polo's stooge, hails from Kansas City, U.S.A.

H. B. Warner, who plays the Chinese philosopher Chen Tzu, was born in London, England.

Binnie Barnes, who plays the fascinating Nazama, was born in London.

Veree Teasdale, statuesque blonde actress, who constitutes the feminine menace in Marco's life, was born in Spokane, U.S.A.

Alan Hale, her warlike husband in the film, was born in Washington D. C., capital of U.S.A.

George Barbier, cast as Kublai Khan, names Philadelphia, U.S.A. as his birthplace.

Lotus Lu, exotic beauty who appears as Miss Gurle's hand-maiden, was born in Shanghai.

Robert Greig, massive actor who appears as Kublai Khan's chamberlain, is an Australian.

Director Archie Mayo was born in New York.

THIRD DIMENSION IN FILMS

A new pictorial beauty is filtering "into pictures. It was noted here, as producers sought to put more "colour" into black-and-white films.

Realizing public taste is keener, and the public eye more perceptive, Columbia Studios is trying a new production technique which aims to widen the range between black and white by creating more intervening greys, and thereby achieve a third-dimensional effect on the screen.

"She Married An Artist" is the first film affected. This was chosen because of its importance as Lull Deste's first American production, and because the Viennese star's personality and extensive wardrobe can thus be best projected.

Director Marion Gering instituted the new programme by calling in Stephen Goosson, art director, Mrs. Babs Johnstone, interior decorator, Robert Kalloch, Columbia's fashion designer, and Merritt Gerstad, cameraman. Gerstad brought his entire crew, which includes electricians, and the group began with a sequence in which Mrs. Deste first meets John Boles and his favourite model, Frances Drake.

The setting was Boles' New York studio. Ordinarily, in decorating and lighting such quarters, the colour range would have embraced about seven shades. Instead, 22 distinct tints were used. These, applied in the choice of rugs, drapes, "props" and accessories, ran through the whole spectrum. All would eventually photograph in black, white or grey, but the very number of such shades, under this new system, would assure more pictorial interest.

The same production technique will be applied to "Columbia's as "Wonder Child" and "The Night Before."

SYLVIA SIDNEY'S LIKES AND DISLIKES

Superstitions, likes and dislikes. We all have them. But let's forget our own for a minute, and consider those of Sylvia Sidney, co-star with Joel McCrea in Samuel Goldwyn's "Dead End."

Sylvia will walk under a ladder but she won't put her hat on her head. She always puts on her stockings wrong side out, no matter how careful her maid is to see that they are rolled to go on right side out. She likes the skins of baked potatoes, but doesn't like the insides. She loves gardenias and expensive perfumes. She has one of the finest libraries in Hollywood, reads biographies, fine novels and detective stories. She loves to buy hats and shoes but doesn't care much about other clothing. She never wears any shoes but those with very low heels. She knits constantly and at home can often be found listening to music, reading and knitting all at once. Her hands are never still and if she gets hold of a pencil she makes "doodles" by the score, especially while she is talking on the telephone.

DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29

Anniversaries and Holidays.—W. E. Gladstone, born 1809. Christina Rossetti died, 1894. St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Auctions.—Sundry Goods, at Lammer's Hong Kong Sales Room, 11 a.m.; Household Furniture at Lammer's Kowloon Sales Room, 2.30 p.m.

Cinemas.—(See Page 5). Dances.—Cheero Club Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Malls.—(See Page 16). Meetings.—Annual, of Sandakan Light & Power Co., (1922) Ltd., at Bank of East Asia Building, noon; Monthly, of S. & S. Home General Committee, in Assembly Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Moon.—XI Moon, 27th. Day. Social.—Whist Drive and Tombola, Garrison Serpts. Mess, Queen's Road, 8.30 p.m.

Sports.—(See Page 10). Sunrise.—7.02 a.m. Sunset.—5.48 p.m.

Tides.—High at 08.30 and 19.16 Low at 01.52 and 12.08.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30

Cinemas.—(See Page 5). Malls.—(See Page 16).

Moon.—XI Moon, 28th. Day. Sports.—(See Page 10).

Sunrise.—7.01 a.m. Sunset.—5.47 p.m.

Tides.—High at 07.17 and 18.37. Low at 01.08 and 11.19.

2 WOMEN IN BABY CONSPIRACY CASE

"Mother" With Child From Convent

A case relating to the alleged claim of a woman that she had given birth to a baby—described by prosecuting counsel as "one of the most astonishing cases he had ever heard"—came before Mr. Justice Lawrence at Chester Assizes recently.

In the dock were the woman and her daughter—Mrs. Violet Adelaide Shepherd Bowen, 38, and Goodie Leyton Thomas, 20, a variety artist. The mother pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and to causing a false entry to be inserted in the register of births at Wallasey. The younger defendant pleaded guilty to the first charge and not guilty to the second.

Mr. George Bankes, prosecuting, said that in April a woman named Bridget Quinn gave birth to a girl in the Millroad Hospital, Liverpool. Some days later the defendant Thomas saw Mrs. Quinn and asked her if she could adopt the baby. This was agreed to and she was given the child.

Evans, who was on terms of intimacy with the elder defendant, Bowen, went to see her the same day. She said that she felt ill and sent him with a message, which he was unable to deliver.

When Evans returned Mrs. Bowen was in bed with a baby, and there was no doubt, said Mr. Bankes, that the baby was Bridget Quinn's. The defendant Thomas said to him, "There's your little daughter."

On May 25, said counsel, Evans went with both women to register the child. The birth certificate showed that its name was Violet Estelle, and that it was born on April 13 at Poole-road, Wallasey. The father was given as George Evans and the mother as Bowen. Evans was stated to be a ship's steward.

"IT IS YOUR CHILD" Evans, it appeared, had been reluctant to give his consent to the registration, and Mrs. Bowen said to him: "Well, George, it is your child as well as mine."

On June 3, a health visitor went to the house and asked about the baby Quinn which was supposed to be in the care of a Mrs. Leyton. Bowen said she knew no one named Leyton and that the only baby in the house was her own. Some weeks later, said Mr. Bankes, Mrs. Bowen was visited by a detective. She then consented to a medical examination and there was no evidence of the recent delivery of a child.

Bowen, it was alleged, then said: "I admit that the child is not mine. My daughter brought it to me from Liverpool on April 13. I had previously thought I was going to have a baby. I wanted one because I thought it would make George Evans more attached to me. He said that he wanted to live with me."

TRAGIC ADVENTURES Mr. J. P. Elden, defending, explained that the elder defendant was known on the stage as Goodie Leyton and the younger as Gloria Leyton.

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Mrs. Bowen had had two tragic adventures in marriage, he said. Her first husband died of war wounds and her second attempted to commit suicide in 1929. She obtained a maintenance order against him and had not seen him since.

She met Evans, who was 43, in 1932. He told her in 1933 that his life with his wife was unhappy. Mr. Justice Lawrence said that he was prepared to accept the theory advanced by the defence and he did not think that a prison sentence would do any good. In view of the extremely unusual circumstances and the fact that no public mischief had been done he would bind both women over for an indefinite period.

On the direction of the judge Thomas was found not guilty on the second charge.



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SUN FO BOUND FOR MOSCOW

Talk Of Appointment As Ambassador

Shanghai, Dec. 28: Much speculation is aroused by the report that Dr. Sun Fo, son of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, is now en route to Moscow to represent the Chinese Government in negotiations with the Soviet Government.—*Reuter.*

Hankow, Dec. 28: Although Mr. Sun Fo, President of the Legislative Yuan, is on his way to Moscow to represent the Chinese Government in negotiations with the Soviet, his appointment as Ambassador to Russia is unlikely, it is said here.

Mr. Yui Ming, formerly the Director of the Shanghai office for Foreign Affairs, is at present on his way to Russia to act as "Charge d'Affaires in the capital pending the appointment of a successor to Mr. Ching Ting-fu, who recently returned to China.

Meanwhile, the new Soviet Ambassador has called on Dr. Wang Chung-hui. The date for the presentation of his credentials to the President, Mr. Lin Sen, has not yet been fixed but it will likely be early in January.

Fifty members of the foreign Office staff are leaving to-day and to-morrow for Chungking, the new capital, by steamer. But Dr. Wang Chung-hui and his vice-Minister, and the Director of the Publicity Department, are remaining in Hankow.—*Reuter.*

FORMER RED HEADS NOW PROMOTED

Important Changes For Military Efficiency

Shanghai, Dec. 28: A number of important changes in personnel, both political and military, were made recently with the avowed object of ensuring greater efficiency in Chinese military operations. There are indications from the Communist leaders, who are irreconcilably anti-Japanese, that they are winning a larger share in the direction of affairs.

For example, the Chinese forces in the provinces of Shansi, Shensi, Suiyuan and Ninghsia have been placed under the command of Chu Teh, commander-in-chief of the 8th Route Army and former commander of the Communist army, and Mao Tse-tung, chairman of the now defunct Sino-Soviet Government, has been appointed Governor of Kansu.—*Reuter.*

"DEFINITE AND EFFECTIVE ACTION"

Shanghai, Dec. 28: Explanation for the delay in re-opening Japanese-occupied areas outside the Settlement was given by the Japanese army spokesman to-day when he said that bands of between 200 and 300, each, remnants of the Chinese forces, were still active in the vicinity of Shanghai.

The spokesman next referred to the incident yesterday when a Japanese soldier was slightly injured as the result of explosion of one of three hand grenades alleged to have been thrown from Honan Road bridge onto a Japanese army launch going down Soochow Creek within the British defence sector.

He said the Japanese were not satisfied with the efforts made by the Municipal Council to rid the Settlement of arms, the spokesman insisting that "definite and effective action" must be forthcoming before it is possible for conditions to return to normalcy.—*Reuter.*

KIANGSI AND OFFICIALS WILL NOT LEAVE

Manchang, Dec. 28: Kiangsi troops, government officials and Party workers are determined not to leave the province but to fight the enemy to the bitter end. General Hsiung Shih-hui, Chairman of the Kiangsi Provincial Government, announced at the Sun Yat-sen weekly memorial service yesterday morning.

Commenting on China's national policy, General Hsiung opined that militarily she should try to avoid a major defeat, politically, she should tolerate no chaos, and diplomatically, she should maintain close relations with the friendly Powers.—*Central News.*

JAPAN'S BUDGET

"Punitive Expedition Against China"

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The Government yesterday distributed to members of the House of Peers and Representatives, copies of the Ordinary Budget Bill for 1938-39.

Next year's budget has been compiled, a Government spokesman explained, with a view to coping efficiently with the situation arising from long term hostilities so as to attain the objective of the "punitive expedition against China" by meeting the military requirements of materials and funds.

The budget, he states, pays special attention to the following points.

- 1.—Replenishment of armaments;
- 2.—Military relief and other social welfare works in connection with the "China Incident";
- 3.—Air defence;
- 4.—Development of agricultural resources;
- 5.—Encouragement and promotion of out-going trade;
- 6.—Encouragement of the liquefaction of coal;
- 7.—Training technical experts;
- 8.—Development of civil aviation;
- 9.—Earmarking ample funds in reserve to provide for emergency expenditure in connection with the "China Incident".

The revenue for next year is estimated at ¥2,667,796,000, as against ¥2,908,731,000 on the working budget, including an issue of bonds to the value of ¥694,163,000.

The budget shows that ¥85,000,000 is required by various departments, exclusive of the War Office and Admiralty, in connection with the "China Incident".—*Reuter.*

HAND GRENADE THROWN

At Japanese Army Launch

Shanghai, Dec. 28: A hand grenade was thrown this morning from the Chekiang Road bridge within the British defence sector at a Japanese army launch which was going down Soochow Creek. There were no casualties.

Settlement police arrested the alleged culprit, who was a male Chinese.—*Reuter.*

NEW POLITICAL REGIME

Shanghai, Dec. 28: Mr. Li Shi-hsao, Minister of Finance in the former Peking Government and a prominent member of the pro-Japanese Anfu Party who recently joined the so-called "provisional government" in Peiping, has arrived in Shanghai from North China, says a report in the Chinese press.

Mr. Li is in Shanghai in connection with Japanese plans for establishment of a new political regime for districts in Kiangsu and Chekiang now under Japanese military occupation.—*Reuter.*

FAIL OF TSINAN

Shanghai, Dec. 28: Tsinan is the seventh provincial capital to be occupied by the Japanese since the start of the hostilities on July 7, the others being successively Paoingfu, the capital of Hopei, Taiyuanfu capital of Shansi, Kwetsu, capital of Suiyuan, Chinkiang, capital of Kiangsu, Hangchow, capital of Chekiang, Nanking, capital of Anhwei, and now Tsinan, capital of Shantung.

The Japanese, officially claim that the four days of fighting which preceded the fall of Tsinan cost them only 120 casualties. They further state that before retreating the Chinese set fire to all important buildings, including the Japanese Consulate-General and also the headquarters of General Han Fu-chu, Governor of Shantung.

The entire walled city, according to Japanese press reports, appeared to be in flames when the conquering troops entered.

It is recalled that Tsinan was occupied by the Japanese for a year from May 1928 following a clash between the Japanese and Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist troops, then advancing north-east to Peiping.

The Japanese troops who descended from the Yellow River are now astride the Tientsin-Tsingtao railway at Chant'en, 65 miles from Tsinan, and have begun their advance on Tsingtao. Chinese

CABINET CRISIS IN RUMANIA

Tatarescu's Defeat May Lead To Right Wing Government

Bucharest, Dec. 28: Resignation of the Liberal Cabinet of M. Tatarescu following the recent election defeat, and the formation of an authoritarian government under the leadership of the head of the Right Wing, Christian National Party, M. Goga, is regarded as practically certain in well-informed circles.

The official communiqué of the Central Electoral Committee in which it was stated that, following the failure of the Government to obtain the necessary majority in the recent elections, the situation would be carefully examined, is generally interpreted as heralding the resignation of the Cabinet. In fact, action to this effect is expected within the next few hours or days in view of the fact that King Carol has already received M. Goga in audience.

DISSOLVE PARLIAMENT

M. Goga could not be reached by journalists last night, but according to well-informed circles he has already been offered the mandate and has accepted it. His Cabinet would be an unqualifiedly Right Wing and he would enjoy complete confidence of the throne.

New elections are not being planned for the near future, but it is declared that the recently elected Parliament will be dissolved and that M. Goga will govern without a Parliament.

A leading role in the present crisis is also assigned to the deputy leader of the Christian National Party, Professor Cuzza, who upon being informed of the sudden change in the internal political situation, arrived last night in Bucharest to have an audience with the King this noon.—*Transvaal.*

CHINESE FORCES WITHDRAW

Hsuechow, Dec. 28: The fall of Tsinan, capital of Shantung, was confirmed by Chinese military reports received here.

Japanese troops, which had crossed the Yellow River at Tsiyang and Chihao, succeeded in pushing their way to Tsinan and entered the city early yesterday morning, the reports revealed.

The Chinese defending the city withdrew to Peimashan, a point south. Prior to their withdrawal, they damaged all military and communication establishments.—*Central News.*

Batches of Japanese troops have already arrived at Chaochen and Wuwei, southeast of Hsueh.

On the Grand Canal and the Tientsin-Pukow Railway the Chinese forces are still maintaining positions at Wulpa, south of Kaoyu, and at Shaochi, 54 kilometres north of Pukow.—*Central News.*

HANKOW PRESS CONFERENCES

Hankow, Dec. 28: To facilitate the gathering of information, a daily press conference is being conducted here for foreign correspondents and news agencies.

Mr. Hollington K. Tong, deputy chairman of the Central Publicity Committee, and Dr. T. T. Li, Director of the Publicity and Intelligence Department of the Foreign Office, will be in charge of the conferences, which will be held from 5.30 to 6 p.m. daily in the Yen Yieh Bank Building.—*Central News.*

PANAY INDEMNITY

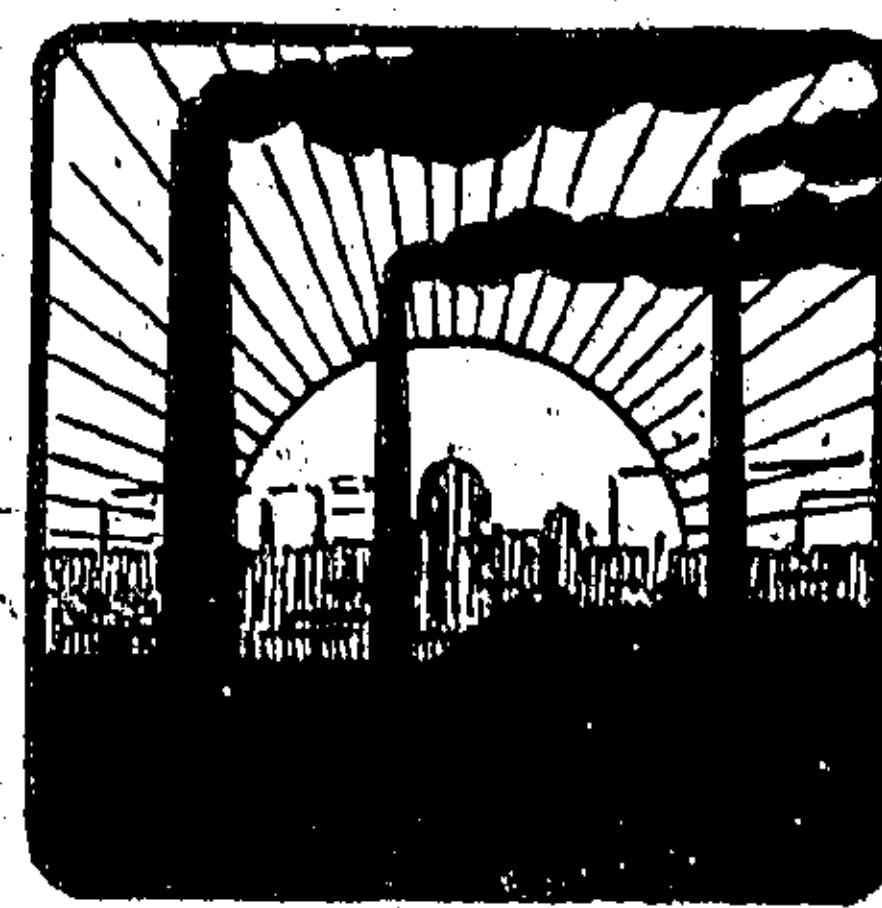
The United States Government has not yet decided upon the sum it will request the Japanese Government to furnish as indemnity for the sinking of the U.S.S. Panay, said Mr. Cordell Hull. He added that competent officials were working out the amount which would meet the case.

Meanwhile there is an air of wariness with regard to the whole situation in China.

Troops are entrenching at Wel-hsen an important town between Changtien and Tsingtao, but there is little prospect of them effectively checking the Japanese.—*Reuter.*

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THE SERVICES

(By The Air Mail, London Dec. 18)

ROYAL NAVY

COMMAND OF THE NELSON

Captain W. T. Makelg-Jones, recently attending the Tactical Course, assumed command of the Nelson on Dec. 14 in succession to Captain A. Ramsay Dewar, A.D.C., who has commanded the ship since August, 1935, and is now fourth on the captains' list. The Nelson is concluding a long refit at Portsmouth, and has rehoisted the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, Home Fleet, which had been flown in the Rodney since August.

TORPEDO SCHOOL TENDER

H.M.S. Melpomene is ordered to reduce to reserve and to be maintained at eight weeks' notice as tender to the Defence, torpedo schoolship at Devonport. The Melpomene was built in 1915 as M.31, of the small monitor class, and served at the Dardanelles and in support of the Army in Palestine. After the War she was appropriated as an instructional minelayer at Devonport and was renamed in 1925.

PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT (E)

Their Lordships have decided that calculation of the seniority of Lieutenants (E) is to follow the lines adopted in July last, for executive officers. The scale which follows has been approved and will apply to all officers who completed their training as midshipmen (E) from December, 1935, inclusive, and to acting sub-lieutenants (E)—not cadet entry—of seniority of July, 1936. The necessary adjustments will be made in due course to retain the correct relative seniority between officers directly affected by this order and those whose promotion is governed by the earlier regulations. The time to be served as sub-lieutenant (E) will be: for 10 promotion marks gained, 18 months; from date of seniority as sub-lieutenant (E); nine marks, 17 months; eight marks, 16 months; seven marks, 15 months; six marks, 14 months; five marks, 13 months; four marks, 12 months; three marks, 11 months; two marks, 10 months; one mark, 9 months; and no marks, 8 months.

VACANCIES FOR SCIENTISTS

There are vacancies for permanent scientific officers (male) in the Admiralty Scientific Pool, for which candidates must possess a good honours degree in mathematics or physics and must have had at least two years' research experience. The salary scale is from £400 to £680. There are also vacancies for temporary technical officers (male) in the Admiralty Technical Pool, for which candidates must possess an honours degree or its equivalent in engineering, with up-to-date experience in workshops and the drawing office. The salary scale is from £275 to £580, with extensions in certain cases to £680. Applications in both cases must reach the Secretary of the Admiralty, C. E. Branch, by December 27.

NAVAL APPOINTMENTS

The following appointments were made by the Admiralty on December 12:—

Lt.-Cdr. W. M. Passmore, to Herald (Dec. 16); E. K. H. St. Aubyn, D.S.C., to Cairo (Dec. 31); N. G. R. Crawford, to Sheffield (Jan. 3); H. Riley, to Victory for R. and R. T. School; H. B. Wolcott, to Cairo (Jan. 11).

Payr. Lt.-Cdr. L. W. P. F. to Medway (Jan. 1); F. L. Whitehouse, to Drake (Jan. 11).

Lt. E. Croome, to Challenger (Dec. 16); D. A. Fraser, to Rodney (Dec. 28); H. P. Byrne, to Victory for R.N.B. (Dec. 31); A. Malcounne, to Glorious; W. G. Parry, to Vendictive (Jan. 1); C. P. Coke, to Victory for S. of N.C. Ford; R. S. Attwater, to St. Vincent (Jan. 3); P. H. Higginbotham, to Victory for P. and R. T. School (Jan. 2); T. G. C. Jameson, to Furious (Jan. 4); A. S. Bolt, to Glorious (Jan. 10).

Lt. (E.) J. D. Farrow, to Drake for R.N.E. College, Keyham (Jan. 3).

Surgeon-Lt. (D.) F. B. Gamble, to Wildfire (Dec. 20); G. P. Pearce, to Glorious (Dec. 21); D. C. Howe, to Victory for R.N.B. (Dec. 29); R. A. Hilton, to Aurora (Jan. 33).

Payr. Lt. D. J. R. Smelling, to Lucia (Jan. 10); W. R. Tinswood, to Ark Royal; S. A. B. Morant, to Osprey (Jan. 17).

Payr. Sub-Lt. G. W. D. Spriggs (act.), to Excellent (Jan. 14); H. M. De B. Lipscomb, to Nelson (Jan. 17).

Payr. Mid.-R. M. P. Allenby, to Revenge (Jan. 5).

W.S.O.—G. J. Deacon, to Colombo (Dec. 29).

PROMOTION

Sub-Lt. (E.) G. J. Noble, to rank of Lt. (E.) (Seny. June 1).

THE ARMY

BRIGADIER SETH-SMITH

Colonel Hugh G. Seth-Smith, D.S.O., who recently left the headquarters staff in Hong Kong, retired on Dec. 11, and was granted the hon. rank of brigadier.



Brig. Seth-Smith, D.S.O.

Born in 1885, Brigadier Seth-Smith joined the A.S.C. at Woolwich in 1905 and served with No. 13 Transport Company at Aldershot and in Malta. He was D.A.Q.M.G. of the 24th Division in 1915-16, corps adjutant in 1916, and D.A.D. of Supplies, Fifth Army, in 1917-18. He was wounded and was three times mentioned in dispatches. Afterwards he was Chief Instructor at the R.A.S.C. Training Establishment, Aldershot; Staff Captain, Western Command; D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Western Command; D.A.A. and Q.M.G. in Egypt; and D.A.A. and Q.M.G., Eastern Command. He was sent to China in 1934 as A.A. and Q.M.G. in charge of administration with the local rank of brigadier.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

FROM APPRENTICE TO SQUADRON LEADER

Squadron Leader Frank Whittle, who has been promoted from Dec. 1, entered the R.A.F. as a boy some 15 years ago.

For meritorious service as an aircraft apprentice he was selected for a cadetship at Cranwell.

NO. 84 SQUADRON

A dinner will be held on the twenty-first anniversary of the formation of No. 84 Squadron, R.F.C. and R.A.F., on January 14 at the Royal Air Force Club. It is hoped that all officers who have served with the squadron will endeavour to attend on this special occasion. Officers who intended to be present should write to either Squadron Leader F. J. Fogarty, D.F.C., A.F.C., or Mr. C. L. Stubbs, at the Royal Air Force Club, 128, Piccadilly, W.1.

ATHLETIC HANDBOOK

The R.A.F. Athletic and Games Handbook, 1938, will be published at the end of this month. Copies (price 2s. 6d.) can be obtained from the Headquarters of the Navy, Army, and Air Force Institutes, Imperial Court, Kennington Lane, S.E.11. The Sports Board hope that all officers and airmen will buy the handbook. Any suggestions for the improvement of future issues will be welcomed and should be addressed to the Secretary of the Board at Room 178, Air Ministry, Kingsway, W.C. 2.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF DESIGNATE

Vice-Admiral L. E. Crabbe, C.B., has been appointed to the temporary command of the China Station owing to the illness of Admiral Sir Charles Little, K.C.B. It is expected that Admiral Little will be able to travel home before long to recuperate.

The Commander-in-Chief Designate, Vice-Admiral Sir Percy Noble, K.C.B., is expected to arrive on the China Station early in February.

ANNUAL INSPECTION

The annual inspection and march past of naval landing parties takes place at Happy Valley at 10 a.m. to-morrow, the salute being taken this year by Vice-Admiral L. E. Crabbe temporarily in command of the China Station.

HEALTH RETURNS

Four cases of small-pox, three of dysentery, two each of diphtheria and scarlet fever and one each of chicken-pox and cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the four days ended at midnight on December 27.

LONDON GAZETTE

TUESDAY, DEC. 14

ADMIRALTY, DEC. 13.

Lieut.-Comdr. K. M. Fardell placed on Retd. List with rank of Comdr. (Dec. 12).

WAR OFFICE, DEC. 14

REGULAR ARMY

The follg. Cois. retire on ret. pay:—F. J. C. Wyatt, O.B.E., M.C. (Dec. 13); H. W. D. McCarthy-O'Leary, D.S.O., M.C., h.p. (Dec. 15).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

The following relinquish their appts.:—Gen. Sir Harry H. S. Knox, K.C.B., D.S.O., Col. North's R., as Adj.-Gen. to the Forces (Dec. 13); Capt. R. Q. F. Johnston, Durham L.I., as Staff Capt., the British Troops in the Sudan (temp.) (Nov. 24).

The follg. appts. are made:—Maj.-Gen. C. G. Liddell, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., from Comdr. 4th Div., to be Adj.-Gen. to the Forces, and granted the local rank of Lt.-Gen. (Dec. 13); Lt.-Col. F. N. Mason MacFarlane, M.C., R.A., to be Mil. Attache (graded as G.S.O. 1st Grade), Berlin, and granted the local rank of Col. (Dec. 5); Capt. A. V. Bird, R.A., to be Capt. Instr. in Gunn., Malaya (Dec. 3).

CAVALRY

14th/20th H.—Lt. G. B. Walker resigns his commn. (Dec. 15).

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

Capt. J. F. S. Rendall is sec'd. while holding the appt. of Capt. Instr. in Gunn. (Dec. 4); Lt. (Qr.-Mr.) P. Mullen to be Capt. (Qr.-Mr.) (Dec. 12).

ROYAL CORPS OF SIGNALS

Lt. R. B. Ridley-Martin is sec'd. for serv. with the Sudan Def. Force. (Nov. 1).

FOOT GUARDS

Gren. Gds.—Capt. R. B. R. Colvin to be Maj. (Dec. 4).

INFANTRY

Bedf. and Herts R.—Capt. E. C. Pepper is sec'd. for serv. on the Staff (Nov. 28).

Lan. Fus.—Lt. S. R. Garratt to be Capt. (Nov. 20).

E. Surrey R.—Capt. C. H. Dickens is sec'd. while holding the appt. of Dep. Asst. Prov. Marshal, The British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan (Nov. 24); Lt. C. E. Poole to be Capt. (Nov. 24).

S. Stafford R.—Lt. V. A. M. Edwards is sec'd. for serv. with the I.A.O.C. (Nov. 11).

Essex R.—Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) F. Bailey, D.C.M., having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay (Dec. 12); R.Q.M.S. E. H. Crane to be (Qr.-Mr.) (Dec. 12).

K.O.Y.L.I.—Lt. I. F. Low to be Capt. (Oct. 1).

Middx R.—Capt. E. T. Pain is sec'd. for serv. as an Adj., T. A. (Dec. 1).

A. and S. H.—Lt. F. C. C. Graham to be Adj., vice Capt. A. Nielson (Nov. 9).

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Capt. S. M. Burows to be Maj. (provl.) (Dec. 15).

ROYAL ARMY PAY CORPS

Maj. (Asst. Paymr.) A. Greenwood having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay (Dec. 15); Staff Serjt.-Maj. E. H. Fleer to be Lt. (Asst. Paymr.) (Dec. 15).

THE ARMY DENTAL CORPS

Capt. S. D. Badman to be Maj. (Dec. 12).

Short Service Commission.—The follg. to be Lts. (on prob.) (Nov. 29):—L. K. Caygill, D. B. Sedgwick.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE

Matron Miss L. E. James, A.R.N.C., M.C., having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay (Dec. 12); Sister Mrs. L. J. Wilkinson, A.R.N.C., to be Matron resigns her appt. (Dec. 12).

The follg. to be Provl. Staff Nurses:—Miss D. H. E. Benson (Dec. 1); Miss R. N. K. Briggs (Dec. 15).

ESTABLISHMENTS

Sch. of Art.—Capt. E. F. S. Brodie, R.A., relinquishes the appt. of Capt. Instr. in Gunn. (Cl. EE) (Dec. 4).

The Mil. Coll. of Science.—Capt. E. G. M. Goodwin, M.C., R.A., relinquishes the appt. of Instr. (Cl. CC) (Oct. 1).

R.E. and Signals Board.—Col. F. J. C. Wyatt, O.B.E., M.C., relinquishes the appt. of President (Cl. T) (without Engineer Pay) (Dec. 13).

MEMORANDA

Lt.-Col. F. P. Heath, h.p., late R.E., retires on ret. pay (Dec. 15); Maj. A. T. Madin, h.p., late A.D. Corps, retires on ret. pay on account of ill-health (Dec. 15); Maj. (Qr.-Mr.) A. N. Dunton, M.C., E.R.E. List, having attained the age for retirement, is placed on ret. pay (Dec. 12); Capt. J. F. Ash-ton, Border R., is granted the local rank of Maj., whilst empld., with the Aden Prot. Levies (Nov. 15); Lt. T. F. S. Church, R. Sussex R.,

WEDDINGS AT THE REGISTRY

Two Ceremonies

Two weddings took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, Mr. W. Ancurin Jones, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, conducting the ceremonies.

In the first wedding, Miss Sun Ping Sul, of No. 7 Cliff Road, second floor, daughter of late Mr. Sun Sung, became the bride of Mr. Tan Hong Gee, mechanical engineer, residing at No. 572 Nathan Road, third floor, son of the late Mr. Tan Sun Hie. The witnesses were Messrs. Ling Jui Keng and Chen Kim Fong.

Miss Ma Hon Chun, of No. 18 Fung Fui Terrace, was married to Mr. Choy Kin Ming, teacher, of No. 23 Man Chung Fong, second floor, in the second ceremony, in the presence of Mrs. Li Chun Oi and Mr. Tsoi Man. The groom is the son of the late Mr. Choy Chun Hang and the bride is the daughter of Mr. Man Kam Yau, merchant.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—

Mr. Frank Benoit, senior chief examiner, of Chinese Maritime Customs, residing at No. 374 Kiangse Road, Shanghai, and Miss Nellie Anna Bowen, of No. 53 Sharp Street, Hong Kong.

Mr. Carlos Martinho de Selavisa Alves, broker, of No. 8 Tung Cheong Building, and Miss Maria Emilia Osmond da Silva, assistant, of the Peninsula Hotel, residing at No. 9 Tung Cheong Building.

NAVAL VOLUNTEER PROMOTIONS

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make, under regulation 9 of the Regulations of the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force, the following promotions in the Hong Kong Naval Volunteer Force:—

Lieutenant to Lieutenant-Commander, Ronald James Douglas Clerk Grieve, with effect from 16th November, 1937; John Charles Michael Grenham, with effect from 23rd November, 1937.

Sub-Lieutenant to Lieutenant: Laurence Dudley Kilbee, with effect from 18th November, 1937; Guildford Charles Dudley, with effect from 16th November, 1937; Ronald Robert Willson Ashby, with effect from 23rd November, 1937.

Sub-Lieutenant (E) to Sub-Lieutenant: Alfred Charles Ford, with effect from 1st December, 1937.

Sub-Lieutenant to Lieutenant (E): Alfred Charles Ford, with effect from 27th November, 1937.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant to Sub-Lieutenant: Gerald Hollingsworth Bond, with effect from 2nd December, 1936; George Merriman, with effect from 2nd December, 1936; John Bertrand Brunswick Shaw, with effect from 2nd December, 1936; William Ralph Ewing Stephenson, with effect from 2nd December, 1936.

Probationary Cadet to Acting Sub-Lieutenant: Claude Trenchard Davis, M.C., with effect from 16th November, 1937; Leslie Philip Ralph, with effect from 23rd November, 1937; John Gordon Gifford-Hull, with effect from 23rd November, 1937; John Crichton McDouall, with effect from 23rd November, 1937; Frank Buckle, with effect from 23rd November, 1937.

Acting Sub-Lieutenant to Acting Sub-Lieutenant (E): Frank Buckle, with effect from 27th November, 1937.

Probationary Cadet to Cadet: Leslie Douglas Skinner, with effect from 23rd March, 1938.

LOCAL ESTATES

Chan Fook-chi, clerk, late of No. 57 Caine Road, top floor, who died on or about September 7, 1937, left local estate sworn under \$10,600. Probate of the will of the deceased has been granted to Wong Shi, widow, of the address.

Local estate to the value of \$2,200 was left by King Man-hoo, merchant, late of No. 4 Yee Wang Street, Tungshan, Canton, who died intestate on December 2, 1936. Letters of administration to the estate of the deceased have been granted to Ning Lau-shi, alias Lau Sul-kuk, widow, of the same address, but at present residing at No. 101 Des Voeux Road West, Hong Kong.

Is granted the local rank of Capt. whilst empld. as Adj. (Selangor), En. Fed. Malay States Vol. Force (Sept. 17); Sec. Lt. F. J. Smith (late The Buffs) relinquishes the rank of Sec. Lt. on enlistment into the T.A. (Nov. 1).

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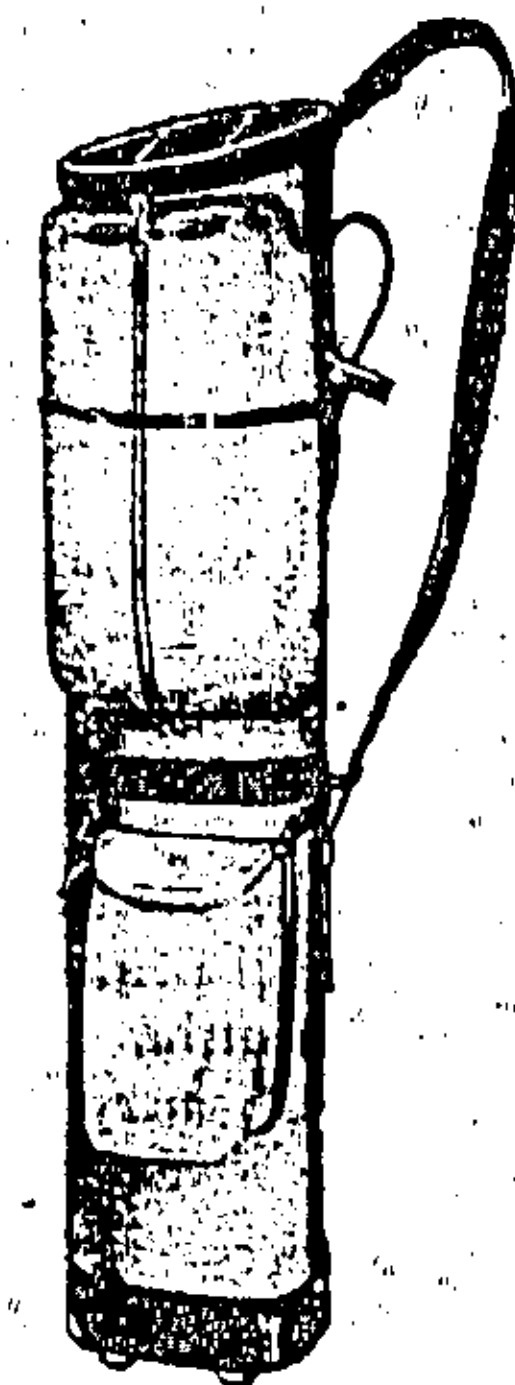
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Training Course (Part II):—The undermentioned members of the Indian Company will attend Indian Company Headquarters for Part II of Training Course on Tuesday, December 28 at 17.30 hours:—

Constables: R248, M. Y. Khan, R297 Karam Khan, R211 S. Aras, R242 A. Aziz, R215 Feroz Khan, R219 Nur Ahmed, R223 Firdos Khan, R229 Mohamed Rashid Madi, R230 Mohamed Asghar, R279 Mir Walli Khan, and R221 Nadim Ali.

C. CHAMPKIN.

D.S.P. (R).

Hong Kong, December 28.

SUPERVISION OF GASOMETERS

Government supervision of gasometers in Hong Kong will become effective with the passage through Legislative Council of a new Ordinance which will be introduced at the next meeting by the Attorney General Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster.

The draft Bill of the proposed Ordinance places the obligation of carrying out periodical inspections on the proprietors of gasometers, but provides that in the case of annual examinations, and of septennial examinations to ascertain the internal condition of gasometers more than fifteen years old, Government will supervise.

The proposed Ordinance also empowers Government at any time to call upon the proprietor of any gasometer in the Colony to show cause why any gasometer should not be declared unfit for use, and the Governor-in-Council may order the closing down of gasometers.

The proposed Ordinance has been drawn up by the Attorney General as a result of the petition and other representations which were made to Government after the terrible gasometer explosion at West Point on May 14, 1934, which resulted in 42 deaths.

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In many instances inconvenience is caused to tenants by the water supply being disconnected without warning to them, owing to the failure of the guarantor to pay the accounts within the specified period. Tenants are, therefore, advised to make suitable arrangements with their landlords to ensure that all water and meter rental accounts are paid promptly.

Changes of ownership of property should be notified immediately to this Office.

R. M. HENDERSON,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department,
Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1937.

PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of Jan., 1938, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at King's Road near Quarry Bay in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the purchaser (if not the applicant), will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, \$200.00 in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the purchase price.

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An agreement has been signed between His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., and Cable & Wireless, Ltd., for the transfer to the latter company of the fixed station commercial radio communications of the Colony as from January 1st, 1938.

The present Radio Traffic Office will remain in the P. & O. Building, Des Vœux Road, until the end of January, after which the Office will be transferred to the Offices of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Ltd. (hereinafter to be known as Cable & Wireless, Ltd.).

Mobile Station Services (Ships at Sea and Aviation), Broadcasting and certain other services will remain under Government control.

THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

By order of the Stewards, the China Auction Rooms, (Mr. E. V. M. R. Sousa—Auctioneer), will sell by Auction at the Pad-dock, the Race Course, Happy Valley, at 5.15 p.m. on Thursday, 30th December, the following 1938 China pony subscription griffins:

- No. 57 Bay gelding aged 13 hands 3 inches
- No. 93 Ches. gelding aged 13 hands 3 inches

The purchasers of the above, if Members of The Hong Kong Jockey Club, will be entitled to race the ponies at the 1938 Annual Race Meeting as subscription griffins.

The Club will require a written undertaking from the new owners that the ponies will not be exported from Hong Kong during the present hostilities.

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1937.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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BRITISH MUNICIPAL
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ENGINEER

No. 37/37

Applications are invited from British subjects for the post of Electrical Engineer to take charge of the Electricity Department of the British Municipal Council, Tientsin.

The initial salary to be offered is Chinese Dollars 1,290.00 per month, (\$860 basic salary plus fifty per cent. repatriation allowance).

Candidates must be either Associate Members or Members of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, and should be between 35 and 45 years of age. Candidates must have had sound technical training in Electrical Engineering, have held responsible posts in Municipal or Company's Electrical Undertaking supplying both Alternating Current and Direct Current, and must have good administrative and organising ability with commercial experience.

The present capacity of the Council's Power Station is 7,000 K.W.

The successful candidate will be on probation for a period of six months. A four years' contract will be offered at the end of the probationary period if services prove satisfactory.

Applications giving age, details of education, whether married or single, training and experience accompanied by copies of testimonials should be addressed to the undersigned so as to reach Tientsin not later than February 15, 1938.

By Order,
T. Y. CHEN,
Acting Secretary.

COUNCIL ROOM,
TIENTSIN, CHINA,
December 14, 1937.

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AIR RAID PRECAUTION
EXAMINATION

Members of St. John Ambulance Brigade took the Air Raid Precaution Examination on December 18 and 19. Dr. J. E. Dovey was examiner, while the lecturer was Corps Superintendent Chak Tak-kong. The following passed:

Wong Kam Cheung, Pang Kin Cheung, Tsang Shun Hing, Lo Yee Har, Ngan Kwan Ying, U. Kai Cheung, Chung Yung Ping, Szeto Chung, Yick Yuen Ching, Man Shu Kan, Leung Kam Chuen, Chan Man Kai, San Peau de Loberson, Ng Sum Fook, Ma Wan Lan, Lo Wai Ching, Chan Yue Tong, Lam So Man, Ho Kang Po, Leung Kam To, Pang Sai Kwong, Barker Ali Hyder, Mui Chau Fan, Tsui Shun Wah, Leung Chung Yee, Hung Mau Chiu, Chan Sau Ping, Li Shing Yim, Tsui Leung Hong, Tse Long Chiu, Hui Kit Hing, So Ming Shin, Liu Pak Kwan, Chan Yuk In, Cheung Yan Shung, Chan Pak Hang, Ngan Kwong Yung, Yuen Fung Cheung, Chan Yuf Hing, Lau Chee Hong, Pang Sai Wah, Cheng Tim Leung Wai Man, Lily Low, Fung Yiu Wai, Chan Ping Kwong, Liu Tong, Lam Chi Fung, Tsun Wai Kun, Tsang Chan Sun, Lam Hing Yue, Wong Ngan Yung, Tang Yuet Lan, Hung Lai Kwan, Hui Kam Ping, Mak Wo, Wong Shu Wing, Ho Yan Kai, Tong Po Hai, Wong Ming Shau, Cheng Hin Cheung, Kwok Yu Kam, Chiu Sze Shing, Law Fung Sang, Hui Wai Han, Lo Hon Chung, Kwan Sit Kwan, Fan Sau Chum.

NIELSON.—On Dec. 15, 1937, suddenly, at 18, Marlborough Avenue, Broomhill, Glasgow, W.I. the Rev. Andrew Bonar Nielson, M.A., formerly missionary of the English Presbyterian Church, Formosa, Japan, eldest son of the late William Nielson, Bank of Scotland, in his 69th year.

RAPER.—On Dec. 12, 1937, at a nursing home in Beconsfield, Bucks. Horace W. Raper, O.B.E., dearly-loved husband of Madge Raper, late Member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements, and Managing Director of The Great Eastern Life Assurance Co. of Singapore, aged 55.

MARRIAGE

FINDLAY—MASSEY.—On Dec. 23, 1937, at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, by the Very Rev. A. C. S. Trivett, M.A., D.D. James Gilbert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Findlay of Muswell Hill, London, to Joan Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip W. Massey, of Shanghai.

DEATHS

DOBROHOTOFF.—On Dec. 23, 1937, at the Paulun Hospital, Shanghai, Mrs. Natalie Vlachoslav Dobrohotoff, aged 31 years.

PADUK.—On Dec. 23, 1937, at 85 Edinburgh Road, Hermann Paduk, aged 37 years, of Messrs. Reuter, Brockelmann & Co.

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NEW CHINESE
SPIRIT

The current year is fast drawing to a close and although the conflict in China has now been in progress nearly half a year, there seems to be no sign whatever of the Chinese spirit crumbling. In this connection China has very agreeably surprised the world by her determined stand, for no one, knowing the history of China, of the internal disorders and civil strife which have ravaged the nation for the past two decades, suspected that there was even a hint of a new spirit of unity abroad.

When the first rumblings of war were heard, there was nothing but pity for a nation which in the past had proved itself weak, both morally and materially—a nation continually set upon because of its weakness—and everyone thought that the time had come when China would be moved down before a superior force, and that neither her morale nor her armaments would stand up to the attacks of a modern war machine.

In that, however, the world was mistaken. A new spirit of unity was already abroad in China, no matter how latent it was before the first shot was fired. That shot only hastened its strengthening and to-day, we find a new nation, fighting determinedly despite her limitations, and putting up a gallant fight that has surprised the world in general and Japan in particular.

How then was this new spirit brought about? To answer this question we must go as far back as 1905, when the Russian people were dreaming of a socialistic form of Government. It was then that the late Party leader, Dr. Sun Yat-sen, planned the emancipation of the Chinese people. He drafted a number of ideas with the view to raise the standard of living as well as the industrialisation of the country and he was firm in the belief that China should have a complete social revolution and that only by

If Gossip We Must

Dear Cynthia,

I went to see the amusing revue "Hullo Hong Kong," at the China Fleet Club Theatre last Thursday. There was an enthusiastic audience and some of the turns won loud applause. Mrs. Gambler, who has a lovely voice and an attractive stage personality, sang delightfully.

In one number with Mr. Eric Nelson, she wore a delightful white satin negligee which excited a great deal of feminine envy.

An amusing young man, whose name did not appear on the programme, provided one of the highlights of the evening. His impersonation of a young woman who wakes up late after a thick night and is faced with an imminent lunch engagement was very realistic. He dealt so adequately with the essential moves in a hasty feminine toilette that the audience rocked with appreciative or sympathetic laughter. To see ourselves as others see us was an embarrassing but hilarious revelation. The languid and monosyllabic young opportunist sitting out a dance with lovely, but unsophisticated, partner also provided great amusement.

Mr. Gill and his Old Cock Linnet won the hearts of the entire house. His "Moving" reel moved every one to helpless laughter. As one of the "Ruling that Cromwell knocked about-a-bit" he gave an equally funny and finished performance. Everybody seemed to be there and the Gripps was very gay afterwards.

AT THE GRIPPS

On Christmas Eve this popular centre of Hong Kong's night life was literally packed to the doors. It was quite impossible to dance but everyone had a splendid time. That indefatigable host, Mr. Olivinsky, ably seconded by his energetic colleagues, worked hard to make everyone comfortable and happy. I saw Mrs. Taggart in a large party which included Sir Atholl and Lady MacGregor. Mrs. Fredericks was dining with her husband, Miss Wicheell, refusing to be discouraged by the crowd.

changing the economic structure of the country could China attain emancipation.

In 1912 when the Manchu Government was overthrown and a republican form of Government established by the people for the people and of the people, the late Dr. Sun published an article declaring that the improvement of the Chinese social and economic system must be based on the foundation of land revolution. It is an acknowledged fact that in all his plans the first thought of the late Party leader was for the masses, for he believed that the workers and peasants were the pillars of the new China. To enable the masses to participate in their own Government freedom of speech was proposed, and it was due to Dr. Sun's efforts that students, farmers and workers took a keen interest in the various social as well as political movements. After the death of Dr. Sun, however, great changes were brought about. Corruption and intrigues became the order of the day and thousands of those who had remained loyal to the teachings of Dr. Sun were executed, and the civil war which went on well-nigh incessantly for ten years seriously weakened the strength of the nation.

Then Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, in 1927, set to work to carry on where Dr. Sun had left off. Slowly but surely the country was put in order and the undesirable elements gradually combed out. The country rallied around one whom they recognised to be a natural leader and though there were still a few who could not quite see eye to eye with the Central Government at Nanking, the Sian Affair in December 1936 opened the eyes of the whole of China and to a man they came to the support of the Generalissimo. No sooner was this affair happily settled than the Japanese aggressors set to work again and the comparatively insignificant inci-

A charming study of
Mrs. M. Brown.

was dancing gracefully. Mrs. Roberts in pale blue and Miss Walker in black were two other enthusiastic dancers. The floor show was excellent but one had to crowd early to the edges of the dance space if one wanted to see anything of it. I managed with the help of an athletic partner, to get near enough to enjoy "The Midnight Follies." These energetic young ladies danced with vigour, if not abandon, and were loudly applauded.

PENINSULA HOTEL

After a hearty family Christmas dinner at mid-day, I faced my third traditional Yuletide meal with well feigned equanimity at the Peninsula Hotel on Christmas night. The whole place was en fête and the floor though full was not as crowded as the Gripps on the previous evening. It was possible to dance comfortably, and at least to see who was there, if not, what they were wearing. Mrs. Marmont who was dancing with her husband looked charming in blue and Mrs. Steele was lovely in a graceful

white dress. Mrs. Wright had a bright little sequin coat over her full black frock. Mrs. Haggard came in late from another party and Mrs. Gambler, who did not look in the least exhausted after her activities in "Hullo Hong Kong," also brought a party, which included many of the members of that versatile cast. I saw Miss Baird in a soft maize coloured dress dancing energetically and Mrs. McAvoy in black was also trying to counteract the effects of a hearty Christmas.

A happy New Year to you my dear.—Your exhausted but undismayed,

ELSPETH.

"AT HOME"

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson was "at home" for the Christmas meet of the Fanning Hunt last Sunday. The lovely lawn and gardens of "Annandale" provided a delightful setting for this picturesque gathering.

Mr. Walsby Cotter was hunting hounds with Mr. Fielden and Mr. Butcher as whips. Major Oliver was Field Master. A large crowd assembled at "Annandale" to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. Paterson. I saw Mrs. Marriot who has just come back from England looking very trim in brown tweed. She was talking to Mrs. MacGregor who was in grey. Mrs. Stanton wore white effectively. Mrs. Waymouth was in rust coloured tweed. Among the large "Aid which moved off were Mrs. Butcher, Miss Beavis, Miss Smalley, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. McAvoy, Miss Fair, Miss B. Fair, Miss Scott-Harston, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Cunningham-Graham, Mrs. Stanton, Commander Hopper, Wing Commander Daxell, Mr. Paton, Commander Mendell, Mr. Archer, Mr. Harvey, Mr. McAvoy, Mr. MacNamara, Mr. Scott, Major Murphy, Mr. Browning, Mr. Middleburg, Dr. de Castro Basto, Mr. MacGregor, Mrs. Palmer, Commander Cunningham-Graham, Mr. Nigel, Mr. King, Mr. Ferguson, Commander Woodhall and many others.

Happily, not every historic house abandoned by its ancestral family has passed into the hand of the destroyer. There remain, for instance, Somerset House, Chatham House, Stafford House, Crewe House, all of which have been converted to public or private uses. Particularly noteworthy and welcome is the recent case of Crewe House, which has had the rare good fortune to find a commercial buyer ready to preserve the exterior and a good deal of the interior unimpaired. This is an example which it is devoutly to be hoped may be followed in the case of Norfolk House, for the rapid obliteration of historic London in the past 10 or 15 years is nothing short of a national calamity. Is it really inevitable that the "march of progress" should trample down every surviving building that enshrines something memorable in the history, art and manners of other ages?

GERMAN PRIESTS
FREED

Berlin, Dec. 27. No official comment was made regarding the Pope's Christmas Eve address against German religious persecution, and the press generally is silent.

A semi-official agency declared that the address was hateful and completely unjustified. Pastors who had been imprisoned during past several months were allowed to return to their churches during Christmas, but they have to return to prison after the holidays.—
Reuter.

MR. DUFF COOPER
BEREAVED

London, Dec. 27. The death is announced of the Duchess of Rutland, mother-in-law of Mr. A. Duff Cooper, First Lord of the Admiralty.—
British Wireless Service.

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JAPANESE ADVANCE ON TSINGTAO

CHINESE ENTRENCHMENTS BOMBED

Shanghai, Dec. 28: Following their surprise victory which has put them in possession of Tsinan, capital of Shantung province, Japanese troops are now advancing on Tsingtao, chief port of Shantung, situated in Kiaochow Bay.

The main line of advance is along the railway which connects the two cities. It is reported that the vanguard of Japanese forces has already reached the outskirts of Changtien whilst Japanese aircraft are engaged in bombing Chinese entrenchments near Weihai.

According to all accounts reaching here the Japanese advance is not likely to meet with serious resistance particularly in view of further reports concerning the landing of Japanese troops on the Shantung coast near Tsingtao whose harbour is blockaded by Japanese naval forces which are holding themselves in readiness to participate in the final onslaught.

The U.S. gunboat Sacramento is moving into the harbour at Tsingtao under orders to take aboard American citizens and bring them to Shanghai.

The American light cruiser Marblehead, the U.S. destroyer Pope and H.M.S. Suffolk have arrived at Tsingtao for the purpose of taking aboard foreign refugees.

Transoceanic News Service.

SUPERIORITY OF CHINESE AIRMEN

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RUSSIAN MACHINES

My informant went on to say that he learned from a very high authority that 15 Russian machines low-winged monoplane which are extremely fast but which are poor insofar as aerobatics are concerned, recently went out and sank a Japanese cruiser. As retaliation for this, however, the Japanese air force concentrated their attention on the Chinese flagship, Ningpo, which they bombed and destroyed.

Still on the subject of aerial warfare, my informant said that reports from all quarters show the excellence of the assistance and advice given by the German experts in Nanking when that city was subjected to almost incessant attacks from the air.

WHOLESALE MURDER

Going down the river no foreigner is allowed to land, as yet, in Nanking and the general impression is that this restriction will be kept up for the next 10 days or so. The murdering of Chinese by the Japanese in that city is stated to be appalling.

The severity with which the city was attacked from land, sea and air may be imagined when it is said that the whole of the front of the city has been completely knocked to ruins and what was at one time a handsome Bund is now a shambles.

Talking about Hankow, my informant said that there is a great concentration of Chinese forces in that city which is very stoutly defended. Martial law has been declared there and indications are that the resistance which the Japanese will encounter there will be more stubborn than that which greeted them in Nanking. He added that despite reports to the contrary the morale of the Chinese is very high indeed and in this connection mentioned that due to the fact that they have so few machines the Chinese airmen have been more or less "fighting blind."

In conclusion my informant said that the boats which the Chinese placed across the different parts of the river were considerably holding up navigation. The river is, in addition, silted up and it is feared that dredgers may have to be brought into use eventually.

CLYDE RECORD YEAR

London, Dec. 28: Shipbuilders on the Clyde had a record year since 1930 and 1933 as expected to be a record year in the history of shipbuilding on the river although foremost building in individual yards goes to a Japanese yard.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ATTACK ON H.M.S. LADYBIRD

Japan's Reply To British
Note Approved By Cabinet

Tokyo, Dec. 28: The Cabinet this morning approved Japan's reply to the British note of protest against the attack on H.M.S. Ladybird at Wuhu on December 12, after which the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, representing the Premier, Prince Konoze, who is indisposed, proceeded to the Palace at 1:30 p.m. where he made a detailed report of the Ladybird incident and the Japanese Government's measures for an amicable settlement to the Throne for approval.

The Japanese reply is expected to be delivered to the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, about 6:30 p.m.

Sir Robert Craigie called on Mr. Hirota at 5:40 p.m. and was handed the Japanese reply.

Reuter.

Defence Structures On Shang Chuen Is.

Japanese Transports Said To
Have Left Bias Bay

Canton, Dec. 28: The report that the Japanese have given up Shang Chuen Island off Tolshan county has been found to be premature, although the number of biplanes there have been decreased of late.

Warehouses are being constructed on these islands for the storage of foodstuffs. Defence works are also being constructed on these new bases.

Reports that some twenty Japanese transports are coming to South China waters are denied. Such rumours were circulated to stir up alarms here by reactionary agents. Japanese warships in Kwangtung waters around Bias Bay, Ping Hai and Macao have gone, as they are believed to have left on their way to Fuhien.

International News Agency.

PROTEST TO LEAGUE

Turkish Government
And Electoral
System

Ankara, Dec. 28: The Turkish Government has, according to a semi-official news agency, sent a protest to the League of Nations against the electoral system for Sanjak of Alexandretta proposed by the Sanjak Commission and at the same time made express reserves.

It is added that the Turkish Government takes the view that the proposed system is contrary to the resolution adopted by the League Council on May 20 last.

Transoceanic News Service.

UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT
Tokyo, Dec. 28: Although the contents of the Japanese reply to the British protest note have not yet been published it is stated in informed circles that the Japanese Government reiterates its apologies and attributes the incident to an unfortunate accident and promises to take necessary measures to prevent the recurrence of any such deplorable incidents in the future.

Transoceanic News Service.

FINANCIAL SITUATION IN JAPAN

Tokyo, Dec. 28: At a Cabinet council meeting held here this morning, the Minister for Finance, Mr. Kaya, gave an optimistic sketch of Japan's present financial situation. According to the Minister Japan's foreign trade has increased by nine per cent. during the period extending from January 1 to December 1 and totalled 3,113,021,000 Yen while during the same period imports were increased six per cent. to 3,735,810,000 Yen.

Transoceanic News Service.



Three civilians and a policeman executed by Japanese outside the American Embassy, Nanking, for being abroad after dark.

PUBLIC OPINION STIFFENED

Searing Comment Of
"Times" On Panay
Settlement

London, Dec. 28: "It would be idle to examine in detail the mass of evidence adduced by Japan to prove that what looked to be wanton malice was really only gross recklessness or incompetence," says the "Times," referring to the Japanese Note to America. "The tone of Washington's acceptance was chilly enough to dispel Japanese hopes that any future incident will only have to be called an accident to be liquidated. There was no doubt that the outrages had not only stiffened public opinion but the opinions of governments and had shown the dangerous limitations of the Japanese military machine."

"Meanwhile, guerrilla warfare is almost continuous and economic difficulties in the new regimes more serious than the political and military counter-parts. The regimes themselves are perfunctory and undistinguished. Japan presumably thinks it worth while to pay salaries to this seedy galaxy of turncoats and opportunists, but this policy does not inspire confidence in the methods by which the military mind proposes to lead China."

Reuter.

GOODWILL VISIT

Mr. Sun Fo To Tour
Europe

Hankow, Dec. 28: A spokesman of the Foreign Office stated that Mr. Sun Fo will shortly leave Hong Kong for Europe where he will pay "a visit of goodwill" to England, Germany and Soviet Russia and that he intends to stay for a considerable time in the latter country but that it would be wholly erroneous to regard Mr. Sun Fo as the prospective successor to Mr. Ting Fu-tsiang as Chinese Ambassador in Moscow.

Mr. Sun Fo will be accompanied on the journey by Mr. Yum who was formerly representative of the Chinese Foreign Office at Shanghai and who has now been appointed Counsellor of the Embassy in Moscow. The spokesman added that Mr. Yum will act as Chinese Charge d'Affaires in Moscow during the absence of Mr. Ting Fu-tsiang.

Transoceanic News Service.

RESIGNATION OF RUMANIAN CABINET

Bucharest, Dec. 28: The Cabinet decided to tender its resignation following a Council held this morning at the house of the Premier, M. Tatarescu. The decision was announced to the press by the Minister of Justice who, however, declined to make any statement regarding the political situation.

It is, however, known that the Leader of the Christian Nationalist party, Octaviaz Goga deliberated throughout Monday night with Right Wing politicians including ex-Premier Ildu-Volod and Professor Yorga. Although the papers refrain from predictions political circles generally anticipate that King Carol will entrust Goga with the task of forming a new Cabinet.

Transoceanic News Service.

THREE COACHES DESTROYED

Train From Canton
To Lokchang

Canton, Dec. 28.

Despite a bright day no air raid alarm was sounded this morning to the surprise of many residents, but the warning was only postponed to 12:50 p.m. Four Japanese seaplanes hopped off from their base south of Tongkawan and flew over the Canton-Hankow Railway on a bombing expedition.

A second alarm was sounded at 1:05 p.m. as the machines hovered over Bocca Tigris. The extent of the bombing is not yet known.

Three coaches of a north-bound train from Canton to Lokchang on the Canton-Hankow Railway were blown to bits by Japanese bombs in the raid yesterday. Fortunately all passengers left the train before the attack, but goods aboard were destroyed.

International News Agency.

ITALY'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER ETHIOPIA

Netherlands Government
And Recognition

The Hague, Dec. 28: In a reply to a question by the Socialist Deputy, Albarda, the Foreign Minister, Patijn, has forwarded to the Second Chamber a detailed written statement concerning the motives which inspired the Netherlands Government to sound the signatories of the Oslo Convention in regard to a joint demarche in favour of recognition of Italian sovereignty over Ethiopia.

The Foreign Minister repeated that it was the intention of the Netherlands Government that negotiations with the British and French Governments should precede confidential discussions with Oslo, but that negotiations with all countries who at the League Assembly had taken the same view of the question as the Netherlands Government was impossible since this would have meant inevitable delay.

The Minister goes on to say that the Netherlands Government is of the opinion that mere recognition of the accomplished fact of Italian conquests cannot violate moral principles and stresses that the initiative taken by the Netherlands Government was entirely spontaneous.

Transoceanic News Service.

FOREIGNERS SAFE IN NANKING

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M. S. Bates, American, University of Nanking; Dr. Lewis S. C. Smythe, American, University of Nanking; Dr. C. S. Trimmer, American, University of Nanking Hospital; Dr. Robert O. Wilson, American, University of Nanking Hospital; Miss Grace Bamer, American, University of Nanking Hospital; Miss Iva Hynds, American, University of Nanking Hospital; the Rev. James McCallum, American, United Christian Missionary Society, now at the University Hospital; Miss Minnie Vantrien, American, Gilling College; the Rev. W. P. Mills, American, Northern Presbyterian Mission; the Rev. Hubert L. Sone, American, Nanking Theological Seminary; Mr. George Fitch, American, Y.M.C.A.; the Rev. Ernest H. Foster, American, American Church Mission, and the Rev. John Magee, American, American Church Mission.

AMERICA AND EXTRALITY

Government Would
Act If U.S. Rights
Infringed

Washington, Dec. 28.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told newspapermen to-day that he had not sufficient information to discuss the issues raised by the press of the country which had reported the Japanese military authorities as having issued a proclamation that all foreigners should be subject to military law for offences against the Japanese Army in the occupied areas.

Unofficial sources intimated that if the United States' extraterritorial rights were infringed in any way by such a regulation the Government would certainly take up the matter.

PRESS COMMENT
Says the "Washington Star" in an editorial: "Although the United States Government may consider the issue closed, it is problematical whether the American people will so consider it."

The paper goes on to say: "Many will feel, on the contrary, that the bland acceptance of the Japanese excuses for as grave an affront as ever was offered the United States flag may be destined to be not the end but only the beginning of our ignominy and the flouting of our rights in the Far East."

Reuter.

BIG LONDON FIRE

100,000 Gramophone
Records Destroyed

It was learned from a reliable source last evening that a big fire broke out in one of the gramophone record factories in England resulting in the destruction of 100,000 records and the loss of one life—that of a fireman engaged in fighting the flames.

SANTA CLAUS AT CHEUNG CHAU

For the first time in the annals of its history a Christmas Tree Party was held in the Assembly Hall at Cheung Chau Island on Monday night. The place was gaily decorated with flags, streamers and bunting and sprigs of mistletoe were also hung in different parts of the hall. The tree itself was heavily loaded with presents for both old and young, and was brightly illuminated with electric bulbs and surmounted by a large bright star on top. The guests were composed of the many South China Missionaries and their children, most of whom are refugees.

The proceedings began at 7:30 p.m. by the audience singing a carol and prayer was offered up by Mr. McCulloch. Then several items of songs, recitations, dialogues and tableaux were given by the Kindergarten Class of the Sunday School who were trained by Mrs. Rex Ray, to whom the success of the evenings enjoyment is mainly due.

At the conclusion of the last item on the programme, Santa Claus (Mr. D. O. de Silva), galloped in on a broom drawn by two balloon cats, and proceeded to distribute the gifts to those present. He also took flash-light photos and then departed. Light refreshments were then served and indoor games were played till 10:30 p.m. when all joined hands and sang Auld Lang Syne.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY TIME-TABLE

On and after November 8th, 1937, until Further Notice.
UP TRAINS

STATIONS	Local A.M.	" Canton Island" P.M. S.H.A.M.	Up Slow A.M.	" Upper Island" P.M. S.H.A.M.	Local A.M.	Local P.M. +	" Upper Island" P.M. S.H.P.M.	Local P.M.	Local P.M.	" Upper Island" P.M. S.H.P.M.	Local P.M.	Local P.M.
Kowloon Dep.	6.30	8.25	8.40	9.20	9.54	12.19	1.08	1.29	4.18	5.00	5.23	7.55
Yauwatt Dep.	6.38	...	8.51	...	10.01	12.20	...	...	...	...	5.31	8.04
Shatin Dep.	6.50	...	9.03	...	10.13	12.32	...	1.44	4.40	...	5.45	8.17
Tai Po Dep.	7.03	...	9.16	...	10.27	12.46	...	1.57	4.54	...	5.56	8.27
Tai Po Market	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dep.	7.08	...	9.28	...	10.32	12.52	...	2.02	5.06	...	6.02	8.36
Fanning Dep.	7.19	...	9.36	...	10.43	1.03	1.37	2.12	5.17	...	6.19	8.47
Sheungshui	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dep.	7.24	8.57	9.46	9.50	10.48	1.07	1.41	2.17	5.22	...	6.17	8.52
Shumchun	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Arr.	7.30	9.03	9.46	9.56	10.54	1.13	1.46	2.23	5.28	6.39	6.23	8.58
Canton... Arr.	...	...	...	6.00	...	...	...	...	...	7.55	...	...

DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	Local A.M.	Local A.M.	Local A.M.	Local P.M.	Local P.M.	Time S.H.P.M.		Local P.M.	Local P.M.	Local P.M.	Days of Week
						S.H.	P.M.				
CantonDep.	...	...	...	...	...	(T)	...	...	...	4.50	
Shumshui.....Dep.	7.06	7.59	8.50	9.17	9.39		4.11	5.39	6.40	7.10	
Shungshui.....Dep.	7.13	8.06	10.06	12.24	2.39	4.30		5.46	6.57	...	
Fanning.....Dep.	7.18	8.10	10.10	12.30	2.44			5.50	6.63	...	
Tai Po Market.....Dep.	7.29	8.31	10.30	12.41	2.58			6.01	7.01	...	
Tai Po.....Dep.	7.35	8.26	10.26	12.47	3.04			6.08	7.06	...	
Shatin.....Dep.	7.49	8.40	10.39	13.01	3.18			6.19	7.19	...	
Yauwatt.....Dep.	8.02	8.52	10.51	13.14	3.31			6.31	7.31	...	
Kowloon.....Arr.	8.08	8.58	10.57	13.20	3.37	4.52	6.37	7.37	7.45		

(T) Will also run on Tuesdays.
S.H. Will run on Sundays and Holidays only for 1st class passengers.
S.O. Will run on Saturdays only for 1st class passengers.
† Buffet and Luncheon car will be attached to this train daily.
Further information may be obtained at the Railway Offices, Kowloon, or Canton from Messrs. The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, The American Express Company, Hong Kong, The China Travel Service, 8, Queen's Road, Hong Kong, Messrs. Wing On Co., Ltd., The Chinese Emporium, Ltd., The Travel Advisers, 315, Gloucester Building, Hong Kong, and from The Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotel, Co., Ltd.
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HEAVY CHINESE FORCES CONCENTRATED WEST OF FUYANG

Tunglu, Chekiang, Dec. 28: An attack on Yiputsun south of Fuyang, which is 20 miles west of Hangchow by the Japanese troops to-day was repulsed by the Chinese forces.
Heavy Chinese reinforcements are concentrated at Tunglu and Chienteh west of Fuyang to halt the Japanese advance on the north bank of the Fu Chun River. Meanwhile, the main bulk of Chinese forces which withdrew from Hangchow are guarding the south bank of the Chientang River to prevent the Japanese troops from crossing the river and menacing the Chekiang-Kiangsi Railway.

Central News.

JAPANESE ADVANCE SOUTHWARD

Hsuechow, Dec. 28: Large Japanese forces including tank units are pouring down south from Tientsin by the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. Most of the Japanese troops are transferred to the south from the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway area.

Central News.

ANKING BOMBED
Anking, Dec. 28: Five Japanese planes released over 10 bombs in the eastern suburbs here yesterday morning.

Central News.

BRIDGES TO BE CLOSED
Shanghai, Dec. 28: Following incidents in which hand grenades were thrown at Japanese launches in Soochow Creek, the Settlement authorities will close the bridges over the Creek whenever Japanese craft pass under them.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

CHINESE RELEASED
Peiping, Dec. 28: The Chinese headmaster of a British mission school in Peiping was released to-day after being arrested by the Japanese yesterday.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

MONKS COMPLETE WAR-TIME TRAINING

Kunming, Dec. 28: The first batch of 96 monks have completed their training in war-time service. They will be sent to the front immediately.

Central News.

CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS IN EGYPT

Foreign Diplomats Attempting
Settlement

Cairo, Dec. 28: It is learned here on good authority that two foreign diplomats have initiated a new attempt to settle the dispute between the Palace and the Egyptian Cabinet. These two diplomats whose names and nationality have not been revealed have made themselves spokesmen for foreign colonies in Cairo and other Egyptian cities.

Egypt's foreign trade will be seriously affected by the continuation of the constitutional crisis.

Transoceanic News Service.

CRICKET SCORES

Sheffield Shield Ties

Adelaide, Dec. 28: Scores in the Sheffield Shield cricket matches played to-day are as follows:—
South Australia 429 for 8 wickets declared v. Queensland 93 and 115 for 4 wickets;—
Victoria 415 v. New South Wales 184 and 190 for 4 wickets (at Melbourne).—
Reuter's Bulletin Service.

ARGENTINE LOSE
Buenos Aires, Dec. 28: Sir Theodore Brinkman's cricket team which is touring South America to-day defeated the Argentine. Sir Theodore's team scored 238 and 148 for eight wickets declared and the Argentine XI realised 203 and 239.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

TENNIS IN SYDNEY

Sydney, Dec. 28: The International Tournament tennis matches between Germany and Australia were continued to-day when in the doubles Adrian Quist and John Bromwich (Australia) defeated G. Von Gramm and Henner Henkel (Germany) 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-6. In a singles match, Bromwich beat Henkel 6-1, 6-1, 6-4.

Reuter's Bulletin Service.

THE RIFLE ASSOCIATION

A Year Of Outstanding Progress

Although the annual report for 1937 has yet to be written, it is felt that a short article dealing with the activities of, and happenings to, the Hong Kong Rifle Association during the last twelve months would be of interest to our readers, and so a brief summary of the work and activities during that period, is given below.

The outstanding feature of 1937 has undoubtedly been the remarkable growth in individual full membership; on December 31, 1936, it stood at 469, while to-day the corresponding figure is 665, after deducting the names of 194 members who have left, chiefly on change of station.

This unexpected, and therefore all the more welcome, increase in this class of membership is largely due to the "wholesale" joining-up by members of the 1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment, and the fact that every officer of that unit has voluntarily become an individual full member shows the keenness, and enthusiasm which has been engendered; it is an interesting coincidence that the number of members from this battalion who have supported the Association by joining it, almost exactly makes good the "deficit" caused by those who have left, and to which loss, reference has been made above.

And so the question arises—from whence came the two-hundred-odd additional members? The reply is (1) from the Senior Service, whose individual full membership has risen from fifteen to just upon one hundred; (2) from the 1st Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders, whose individual full membership now numbers over 60; (3) from the Royal Engineers whose numbers have risen from 39 to close upon 60; (4) from the Chinese Company of the Hong Kong Police Reserve who in 1936 had not a single individual full member of the Association, whereas now there are 20; and from other units and clubs who have increased their membership in steady, if not spectacular, fashion.

SQUADED TEAM EVENTS

The second noticeable achievement of the year was the huge increase in entries for the squadded team events and individual competitions, at the Association's second annual "Bisley" Prize Meeting held last April. A certain number of entries from the Senior Service had to be returned at the last minute, owing to "exigencies" requiring the would-be competitors elsewhere, but even so, entries increased from 874 in 1936 to 1873 in 1937; the number of prizes were 258 in 1936 and in 1937 were 350, and the value of these, excluding Challenge Cups and Trophies, had grown from \$1,789 to \$2,273.

The profit on the Meeting amounted to \$1,251, which allowed the outstanding debt on the Clubhouse to be reduced to approximately \$1,000. This, in itself, may well be considered a noteworthy feat, in that while the total debt incurred came to about \$7,000, in less than six months this has been reduced as shown, i.e. 85 per cent. of the debt had been paid off.

The third matter, which will cause the year under review to be a memorable one in the annals of this Association, is the recognition given by the military authorities to the importance of rifle-shooting by the granting of the Army Ranges for the use of its members on certain Sundays, and the memoran-

dum sent to the Colonial Government here by Col. Harrison D.S.O., recommending that the Kowloon Golf Club should be assisted to move to another site.

The fourth item is the matter of the Clubhouse, "Dismal Jimmies" have not been wanting who have held firmly to the opinion that this building would be found to be a definite incubus to the Association. The fact that, on the contrary, it has proved to be so popular as to cause all the larger units of the Garrison to become affiliated to the Association, and that the takings over the counter have more than paid for the resident staff is surely proof enough of the wisdom of the Council in pushing on with project, and it may be mentioned in passing that if the building of the Clubhouse had been delayed for twelve months, i.e. until the end of 1937, the price would have been found to be at least 25 per cent. more than that actually paid.

HEALTHY FINANCES

The fifth event is the change in the Patronship of the Association. In April last, to the intense regret of all members of the Association, H.E. Sir Andrew Caldecott, K.C.M.G., C.B.E., was transferred to the Governorship of Ceylon. What the Association owes to His Excellency, members are well aware, for it is no exaggeration to say that without his help and support, the annual local "Bisley" Meeting could never have attained the position of importance which is the case to-day. In his place, we offer a sincere and hearty welcome to his successor, H.E. Sir Geoffrey Northcote, K.C.M.G., who not only attended the Imperial Meeting at Bisley this year, but personally brought over to that meeting from British Guiana a team which won one of the two Inter-Colonial Matches. Members of the H.K.R.A., are indeed grateful to His Excellency for consenting to become its Patron.

Lastly, we have reason to believe that the Balance Sheet, when it is shortly published, will be found to disclose a very healthy financial position.

WILDE BEATEN IN TWO "COVERED" FINALS

Torquay Tournay Produces Some Good Tennis

The last day of the Palace covered court tournament at Torquay and, incidentally, that of the British season, was remarkable for a fine double final, in which Silba and Cejnar, the Czech pair, beat Wilde and Butler 7-9, 9-7, 6-3, writes a Home correspondent.

It was an unlucky day for Wilde. He lost all his three finals, but in this one, which came immediately after his defeat by Shaves in the singles, he played some great tennis, and it was really only the amazing form of the Czechs in the third set that led to the defeat of the covered court champions.

I never want to see better close-quarter volleying. Every man was enterprising, and nearly every good thrust had a counter. All the way through it was a fight for a service break, and in the end it was the superior service returns of the Czechs that secured it.

Silba was seen in an entirely new role as a shrewd and subtle volleyer; it was his coolness and superb ball control that carried the long second set. In the third set both partners lifted their game, and in the last three games, in spite of the stoutest defence, they were irresistible.

Ronald Shaves ended his match season by playing three glorious sets in sequence. He followed his love, set the previous day against Silba by taking two in less than half an hour against Wilde in the singles final.

AN INSPIRED PLAYER

Wilde may have been reacting after his game the day before, but he was up against an inspired covered court player, and those

who saw Shaves play Borotra in their recent indoor championship at Queen's need only be told that the winner had shed his tendency to lapse at game point.

He was in control of the match from start to finish, being only one service game and breaking through Wilde's service three times. Best of all was his cool and insistent play when in the last game his opponent saved three match-balls—the only crisis that Shaves was required to face.

FORCED RISING BALL

Wilde's portion in the first set was two games, secured exclusively by service aces. They proved to be a mere interlude. None of the other six even had a deuce. Shaves was producing winners all

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

ARSENAL WIN AT HOME

London, Dec. 27.
The following are the results of English League matches played to-day:—

FIRST DIVISION

Arsenal 2, Blackpool 1.
Birmingham 2, Liverpool 2.
Brentford 2, Manchester C. 1.
Charlton 3, Chelsea 1.
Derby 4, Bolton 2.
Everton 3, Leicester 0.
Huddersfield 1, Sunderland 1.
Middlesbrough 2, Leeds 0.
Preston 1, Portsmouth 1.
Stoke 1, Grimsby 1.
West Brom. 2, Wolves 2.

SECOND DIVISION

Barnsley 3, Luton 1.
Bradford 1, Aston Villa 2.
Chesterfield 3, Blackburn 0.
Coventry 2, Sheffield U. 2.
Fulham 2, Burnley 1.
Manchester U. 4, Notts F. 3.
Norwich 2, West Ham 2.
Sheffield W. 1, Plymouth 1.
Stockport 2, Newcastle 2.
Swansea 0, Southampton 0.
Tottenham 1, Bury 3.

THIRD DIVISION (SOUTH)

Aldershot 2, Millwall 1.
Brighton 2, Clapton 1.
Bristol C. 1, Northampton 0.
Cardiff 4, Mansfield 2.
Exeter 2, Crystal Pal. 2.
Newport 0, Watford 0.
Notts C. 1, Gillingham 0.
Southend 2, Queen's P.R. 1.
Swindon 0, Reading 0.
Torquay 0, Bournemouth 0.
Walsall 5, Bristol R. 2.

THIRD DIVISION (NORTH)

Accrington 0, Rochdale 1.
Crewe 2, Hartlepool 0.
Doncaster 1, Carlisle 3.
Halifax 1, Southport 1.
Hull 4, Darlington 0.
Lincoln 1, Port Vale 0.
Oldham v. New Brighton.
Rotherham 4, Chester 1.
Tranmere 2, Bradford C. 1.
Wrexham 3, Barrow 2.
York 5, Gateshead 1.
*Abandoned after 76 minutes play.
†Postponed owing to fog.—
Reuter

HOME HOLIDAY RUGBY

London, Dec. 27.
The following were the results of the leading rugby football matches played in England to-day.

Bath 18, Old Blues 3.
Bedford 27, Old Paulines 11.
Blackheath 20, Sale 13.
Bristol 18, Pontypool 3.
Coventry 3, Waterloo 8.
Gloucester 29, O.M.T. 3.
Leicester 16, Birkenhead Park 11.
Llanelli 17, London Welsh 8.
Northampton 35, Penarth 3.
Richmond 3, Harlequins 8.
Torquay Ath. 6, Plymouth—
Ablon 3.

W. of Scotland 4, London Scottish 28.

Old Cranleighans 28.

Merchistonians 0.

Aberavon 32, Cross Keys 3.

Cardiff 24, London Irish 3.

Manchester 11, Headingly 8.

Neath 34, Abertillery 0.

Newport 13, Watsonsians 6.

Swansea 20, Universities A.U. 0.

—Reuter.

round the court, mostly without a challenging rally. Like Andre Gobert he forced the rising ball with his service; and then, using his long reach and eye for the disconcerting angle, volleyed the ball out of sight. Shaves did not quite maintain this dazzling form in the second set, partly because Wilde improved in his ground shots, and partly because he did not play the longer rallies as unerringly as the short. But he never really relaxed his ascendancy. After Wilde had served a double fault to lose the fifth game, Shaves failed to get his 4-2 lead, but he was quick to forge ahead, again coming to 6-3 on service and volley with splendid control.

Wilde took his own service from 15 in the ninth game, and held on grimly when Shaves went out for a winning volley and hit the tape, and three times Wilde recovered three smashes. The fourth smash brought victory.

DOUBTFUL LINE DECISION
Miss Freda James won the women's singles, but not until she and Miss Yorke had waged an exhausting battle of three sets. The winner got the benefit of a doubtful line decision, which gave her a precious 5-2 lead in the final set. It looked a point of some moment, for it allowed Miss James to go all out for the vital ninth game, when her spurs were nearly finished.

Both girls made some lovely backhand shots down the line, and when you see these strokes

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

The Championship of the Kowloon Golf Club played over 36 holes on Sunday resulted in an easy victory for W. Taylor, who defeated F. E. A. Remedios by 10 and 9, after turning 8 up on the morning round. This constitutes the first victory in this tournament for Taylor, the popular Captain of the Club, who has consistently been a strong contender for the honour for many years.

The Junior Championship Semi-Final rounds resulted in F. A. Hill and W. Bastin winning to contest the Final. Hill defeated J. R. Leitch at the 19th and Bastin defeated W. Kershaw 3/1.

The Christmas Stableford Competition was won by G. Milne with a score of 20 points; P. J. Bone, with 19½ points being the runner up.

executed in the right way—that is with a horizontal racket—you know that good lawn tennis is being played.

Billington and Miss Jarvis would up a good week by winning the mixed doubles, and Miss Nuthall and Miss Yorke beat Miss Hardwick and Miss James in the final of the women's doubles.

Men's Singles.—R. A. Shaves bt F. H. D. Wilde, 6-2, 6-4.

Women's Singles.—Miss F. James bt Miss A. M. Yorke, 4-6, 6-3.

Men's Doubles.—F. Cejnar and J. Silba bt D. W. Butler and F. H. D. Wilde, 7-9, 9-7, 6-3.

Women's Doubles.—Miss B. Nuthall and Miss A. M. Yorke bt Miss R. M. Hardwick and Miss F. James, 6-4, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.—H. Billington and Miss R. Jarvis bt F. H. D. Wilde and Miss M. Whitmarsh, 4-6, 9-7, 6-1.

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LADIES' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

The Third Ladies' Golf Championship will be played on Wednesday, the 5th January, 1938.

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The competition will be played over 27 holes and competitors may pair as desired.

Tifins will be ordered for all competitors.

F. G. MAUNDER,

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Sporting Fixtures

TO-DAY

Football.—Seaforths Inter-Company Final (Sookunpoo), 2.45 p.m.

Rugby.—Club v. a Navy XV (Club ground), 4.45 p.m.

Shooting.—N.R.A. Overseas practice. Spoon and Practice shoots (Kowloon City ranges), 2 p.m.

TO-MORROW

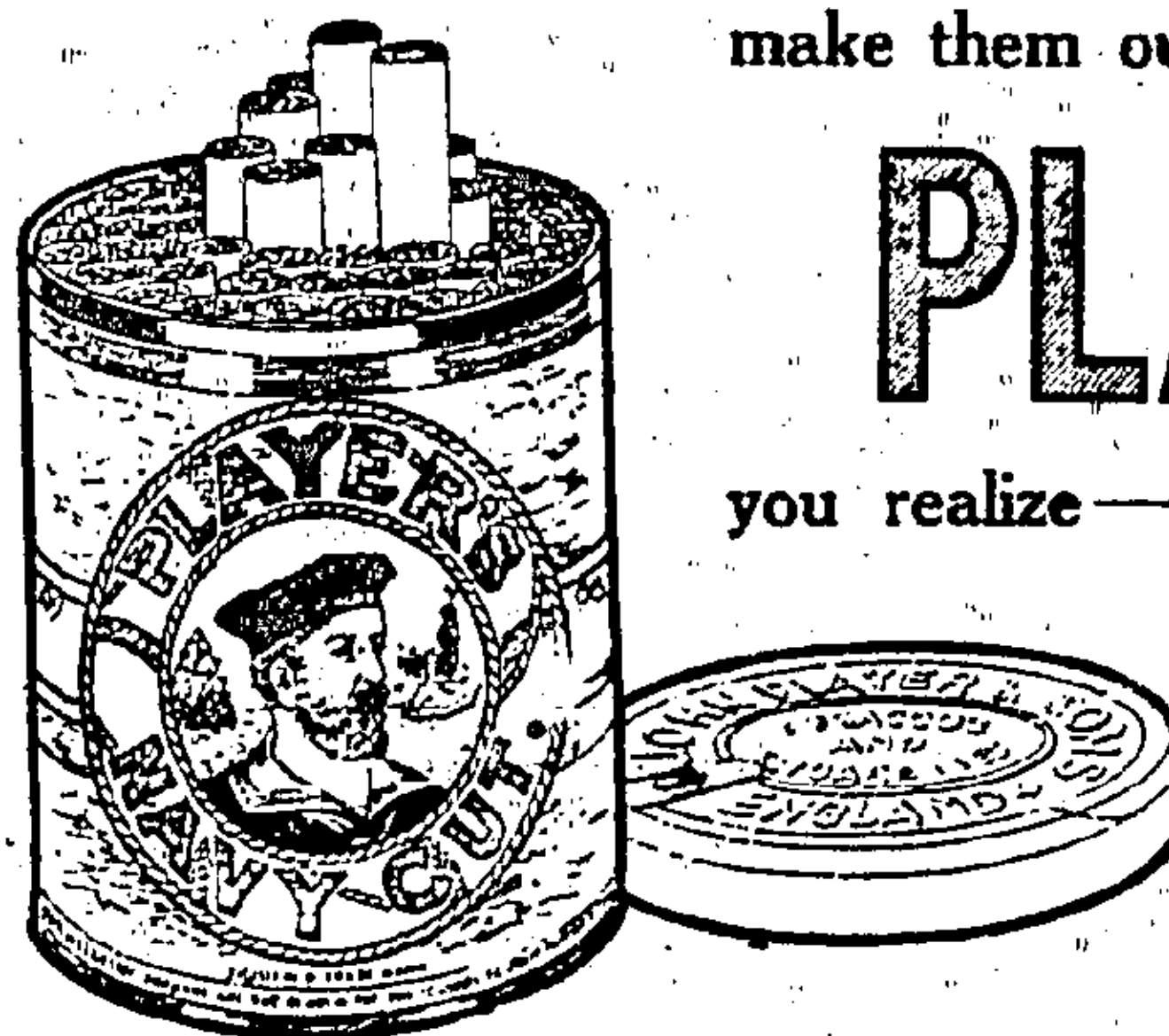
Shooting.—N. R. A. Overseas Match (Kowloon City Ranges), 2 p.m.



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INDOOR BOWLS COMPETITION

Close And Accurate Drawing

After two weeks the 660 entrants in Paddington's Open Indoor Bowls Tournament had dwindled to 18 and the final was won by J. G. Carruthers' rink, who beat Alfred Goodwin's by 20 shots to 11, with an end to go. Last year Goodwin beat Carruthers in the final, somewhat easily.

In the afternoon semi-finals, Goodwin had no difficulty in beating H. E. Garner with an end or two to spare, 30-16, and Carruthers beat W. A. Crump, 26-9.

There was a packed house for the final, and there was a surprising opening, Carruthers, in five ends, scoring 7-0. Improvement by the holders in the second stage reduced the lead by two shots, Carruthers leading at 10 ends, 10-5.

He kept that advantage for the next five ends, with a score of 14-9, but in the final six ends, after a magnificent draw for one, which saved five from Goodwin, a 4 put Carruthers 10 up, 19-9, and Goodwin, responding with two singles to one, left Carruthers 9 up with an end to go. This winning margin decided Goodwin to retire, leaving Carruthers the winner by 9 shots and one end in hand.

It was a very good final, free of reckless firing. The drawing was close and accurate, but the losers were not in their best form. Man for man, Alf Goodwin's rink were held at the way.

In the seven rounds to the final, Carruthers' rink scored 192 shots to 93, Goodwin's 162 to 105. Details.

SECTION FINALS

A—H. E. Garner 22, H. Fletcher 21.

B—W. A. Crump 24, S. Hillman 11.

C—A. Goodwin 24, Geo. Crane 16.

D—J. Carruthers 25, J. J. Kerr 19.

SEMI-FINAL

A Goodwin 30, H. E. Garner 16.

J. G. Carruthers 26, W. A. Crump 9.

FINAL

J. Pibrow, E. J. Linney, E. J. Haynes, J. G. Carruthers (Paddington), skip: 1, 2, 2, 1, 1, 0, 1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 4, 1, 0—20.

W. Hughes, W. Jasper, A. Briden, Alf Goodwin (Alexandra Palace), skip: 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 2, 2, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, retired—11.

Sir Herbert Liddard, President, Paddington B. and S.C., presented the Blalberg Challenge Cup and the Adlington Silver Cups to the winners.

Hockey

GOWER'S FIVE GOALS

County Trial Defeat Of Essex

Cambridge Univ. 3, Essex 3

Although Essex, in the Eastern Counties trial at Cambridge, fielded about their best county side for several seasons, they were beaten by Cambridge University by 3-3, after deservedly leading by 2-1 at one period of the first half, writes a Home correspondent.

A feature was the scoring of all five Cambridge goals by Gower, but credit should be given to the other forwards, and Borrett in particular, for unselfish support to so able an opportunist. Oliver was the best of the Cambridge half-backs.

It was pleasing to see Sergel, the old Blue, back to something like his old form in goal, but the Cambridge full-backs were inclined to be hesitant, and Self was not quite up to his usual standard at centre-half.

Keet, the young Essex centre-forward, who may be regarded as a discovery, impressed.

After Gower had opened the scoring for Cambridge from Skrimshire's centre, Essex took the lead with goals by Eate. Before the interval, however, smart work by Borrett led to two further goals by Gower.

In the second half Gower scored his fourth and fifth goals before Keet replied for Essex from a long corner. Teams: CAMBRIDGE U.—C. W. B. Sergel (Clare), P. L. Trevorrow (Queens), G. E. Hewah (Clare); F. R. Weston (Trinity), F. G. Self (St. Catherine's), P. R. Oliver (Trinity E.);

NEW FOOTBALL ERA OF EXCHANGE

Blow To Big Transfer Fees For Vaunted Players

A new era of exchange, and a blow to big transfer fees, which on some occasions in recent years have soared to fantastic heights, may have started with the deal between Arsenal and Coventry as a result of which Bobby Davidson went to Coventry and Les Jones to Arsenal. Arsenal paid the balance with a check for about £2,000.

A wide-spread system of exchange may result, and many clubs who are faced with difficulty in bringing their teams up to standard, though they may know just the man they want, can be expected to be enthusiastic over it. In team building an exchange can be one of the most effective ways of achieving the desired result. A club may have a good man who just does not fit into their scheme of affairs, but may be sought by another club. If that club has a man who can be useful to the others the ground is prepared for an exchange.

Of course, exchange is not new in football, but is notable when Arsenal and the Second Division leaders take part in it. It is reported, for instance, as an example of barter, in which only one side was "live stock," that Moss End Celtic, a minor club, once transferred a player named Skelton to Holytown United for 50 sheets of corrugated iron, because they wanted to repair the roof of their stand.

One London club, determined to have no dealings with inflated transfer fees, is stated to have named a limit of £5,000.

MORE FLUID MARKET

It is hoped that the new plan will result in a more fluid transfer market, to the advantage of all clubs and the game generally.

In the case of the Jones-Davidson transfer, Coventry had had their eye on Davidson for some time, and when George Allison, the Arsenal manager, saw Jones play a brilliant game for Wales at Cardiff the time was ripe for business.

The Coventry manager, Harry Storer, took a big risk in parting with a man who had done so much to put them in their position as unbeaten leaders of the Second Division, and there has been plenty of criticism from those who think it bad policy to part with a star man when the team is on the crest of the wave. The fact that Coventry played poorly in making a goalless draw with Bradford the Saturday after Jones' transfer, lent weight to their complaint. At the same time Jones was making a far from brilliant debut for Arsenal, although he scored a goal.

JONES' FINE RECORD

Jones, who like the Wolverhampton Welsh international Bryn Jones, was born in Aberdare, played for his home town before Cardiff City beat Newport County by a few minutes for his signature.

NEW RULE APPLIED

To Offender In Soccer

At the beginning of this season the Football Association announced that men who persistently offended against the rules, even though they were not sent off the field, would be punished after three cautions. The first player to be dealt with under this ruling is G. Murphy, of Bradford City, who has been suspended for fourteen days and fined ten guineas.

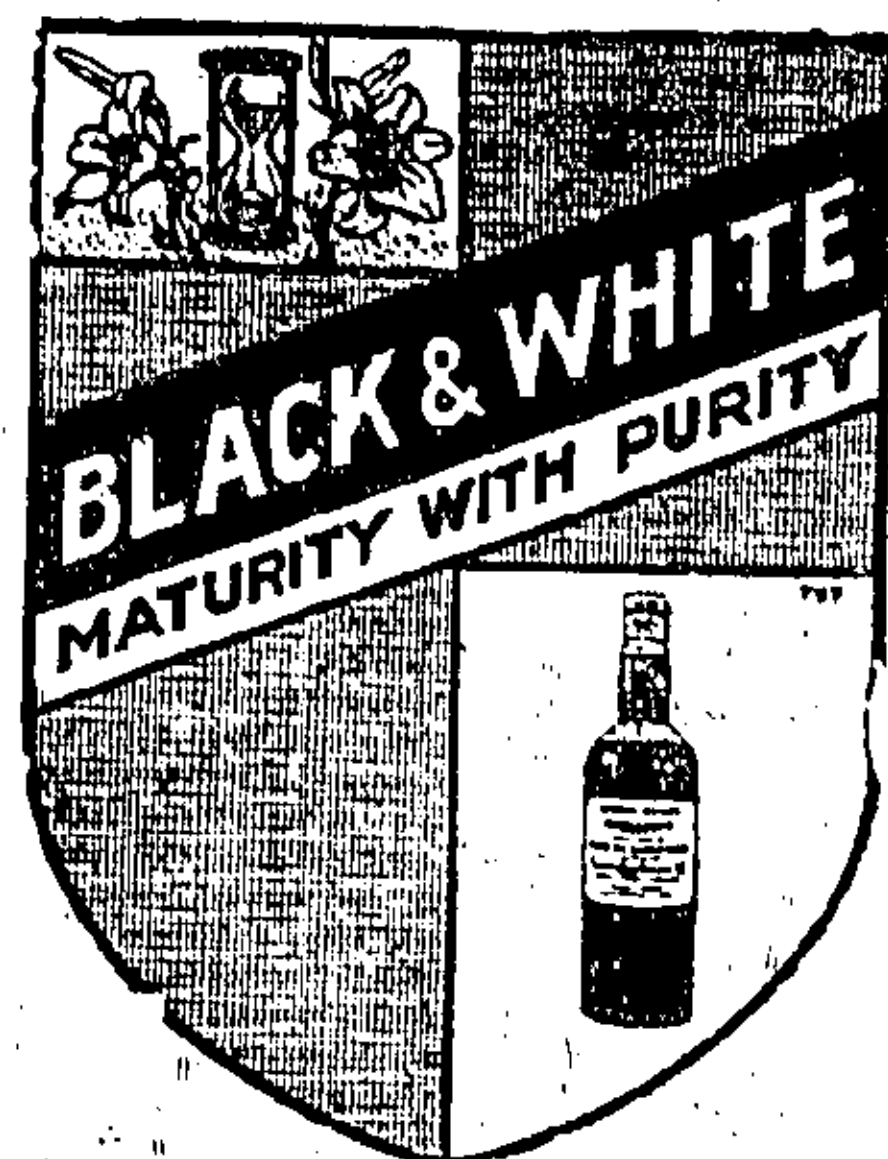
LINDRUM EASILY BEATS INMAN

Horace Lindrum, the Australian, beat Melbourne Inman, to whom he gave 35 points a frame, 43 games to 28 in their Gold Cup snooker match which ended at Liverpool recently.

Lindrum at the night session had a break of 76, which included seven blacks, one pink, one brown and two greens. Scores (Lindrum first): 56-91, 62-85, 88-52, 67-70, 79-58, 88-52, 77-80, 111-43, 40-87, 50-85, 61-77.

J. P. F. Skrimshire (Clare), J. D. Goteh (St. Catherine's), R. Gower (Pembroke), N. F. Borrett (Pembroke), M. St. J. Packe (Magdalen).

ESSEX.—G. E. Pittwood (Haddleigh); A. Beaton (O. Felstedians), J. J. McIntyre (Brentwood); E. Phipps (Westcliff), A. T. Jamieson (Chelmsford), T. Hunt (Brentwood); W. R. M. Windle (O. Felstedians), J. C. Eate (Chelmsford), Y. Keet (O. Felstedians), E. Haynes (Guildhall), L. Ratcliff (Chelmsford).



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AIR LINER CRASHES

Vienna, Dec. 27. The Air France liner, "Esjor," crashed when en route to Vienna from Prague. All aboard, the pilot, wireless operator and one passenger were killed. The scene of the crash was a Bohemian forest, well off the machine's route. Enquiry is progressing into the reason for the pilot's change of direction.—Reuter.

FRANCE REPAYS LOAN

Paris, Dec. 27. France has repaid the last instalment of the British loan made to the French railways a year ago. The repayment was made from the profits of the workings of the Exchange Equalisation Fund.—Reuter.

PHILIPPINE MINING NEWS

SAN RAFAEL GOLD Mining Association has done considerable improvements on its property in Norzagaray, Bulacan. Some of the improvements include the completion of a dynamite magazine, a tool warehouse, several houses for labourers, black-smith shop and a house with galvanized iron roof for the official staff. Construction of trails within the property and main road connecting the mines have been finished to facilitate the work of prospecting and exploration.

The association has an authorized capital of P300,000. The board of trustees are C. Tuazon, managing trustee; R. C. Donato, assistant managing trustee; A. Pablo, R. Kagahastian, and A. Miranda, trustees. Felicisimo Pablo is the secretary and Juan D. Singson is the consulting engineer. The association has its offices at Knechtler building.

SAN REMIGIO-SOLONG COPPER Mines announces that it is ready to ship copper ore abroad from its property in San Remigio, Antique. In the meantime, Jose Cundanan, general manager, stated that the management is undertaking the opening of the three-kilometer road from the mine to the provincial highway with a view to facilitate hauling of its copper ore to the shore.

The corporation which was organized in two months time is developing 17 copper claims. The shares according to the general manager have been disposed off a 200-per cent profit. He told the Bulletin that the offices of the company will soon be transferred to Iloilo as all the board of directors are from the Visayas. The San Remigio-Solong Copper Mines is being operated by the Cooperative Investment Syndicate.

JAPAN'S FINANCIAL BOGEY

The Price She Is Paying For "Glory"

There is one bright spot for the Chinese in the present undeclared war being waged on their soil, and that is that as far as Japan is concerned, the war cannot go on much longer. For, whereas the Japanese military adventure in China has only tended to consolidate China's forces and unite her people, it is precipitating a serious national crisis in the Island Empire.

Since the commencement of Japan's ambitious expansionist programme, the financial burden of the Japanese people has suffered an enormous increase. The Manchurian adventure cost Japan dearly, and her people were still paying for it at the time Japan's militarists plunged the nation into another war. In 1930, the National debt stood at Yen 6,000,000,000 and it has since increased to Yen 10,500,000,000. The Japanese people know that whether or not Japan emerges victorious, the financial burden of her military adventure will have to be borne by them in years to come.

MILITARY EXPENDITURE

In the following table the increase in Japan's military expenses since 1931 is shown, and will indicate the vastness of the country's military appropriations:—

Year	National Budget Yen	Military Expenses Yen
1931	1,097,904,000	405,799,000
1932	1,780,000,000	621,150,000
1933	3,129,339,000	851,452,000
1934	2,142,528,000	937,879,000
1935	2,193,414,000	1,021,940,000
1936	2,311,517,000	1,060,148,000
1937	2,872,000,000	1,411,000,000

It may be seen from the above table that in a period of six years, Japan's military expenses has increased more than three-fold.

The budget for the next year, according to estimates from various departments of the Japanese Government, exceeds ¥3,800,000,000, an increase of ¥900,000,000 when compared with the budget of this year. In view of the situation, the Government has fixed the budget for 1938 at ¥2,800,000,000, which means that Government expenses will be greatly curtailed, and even this sum can only be raised by the issue of more bonds.

TAXES AND BONDS

Since the outbreak of hostilities in North China, Japan has so far appropriated a sum of ¥2,500,000,000 to finance her undeclared war. To do this she had to issue bonds and impose heavy taxes on her people.

MANCHUKUO MINES TO BE DEVELOPED

Two New Companies Now Formed

Mukden, Dec. 28. Two new companies have been formed in Manchukuo for exploitation of the mineral wealth of that country, according to reports here which add that the two companies will begin mining operations next Spring.

One of the new companies, The Tienpaoshan Mining Company, whose headquarters are at Hanking, will exploit zinc, lead and copper mines at Tienpaoshan in the province of Chientao, while the other, the Anpo Mining Company, daughter company of one of the greatest Japanese industrial concerns, Nippon Sangyo, will have its seat at Mukden and will engage in mining zinc at Chienchentu in the province of Antung.

JAPAN SAFEGUARDS HER GOLD STOCKS

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

In order to conserve the stock of gold in the country, it has been decreed that no articles of gold finer than nine carat may be made, while the use of gold for bookbinding, emblems, gilding and so on, is forbidden. The decree comes into force on January 1.—Reuter.

The capital of the first-named company will be seven million yuan and of the other one million yuan. The Anpo Mining Company will probably be later incorporated in a Manchurian heavy industries company which is about to be formed.—Transocean.

SPENT £9,000 IN FIVE YEARS

Sweepstake Winner Now Penniless

A man who won £9,000 in an Irish sweepstake in 1932, and was stated to have become a drug addict and to be now penniless was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, at Dartford, Kent, recently, for being in possession of dangerous drugs.

Charles John Powell, 27, a medical student, and formerly a male nurse at an L.C.C. hospital, pleaded guilty to the charge and also to one of posing as a surgeon. On the latter charge, he was fined £5 or, in default, one month's imprisonment to run concurrently with the other sentence. He was also ordered to pay £5 5s costs.

Defending counsel stated that the question of an appeal would be considered.

Mr. C. Gwatkin, prosecuting, said that on Dec. 10, 1935, Powell entered a chemist's shop at Welling, Kent, and said that he wanted drugs, including a tube of morphine sulphate tablets.

On a piece of notepaper he gave a prescription and signed it "M.R.C.S." He was supplied with the morphine sulphate, but the assistant told him that the other drugs were not in stock.

Powell gave an address in Northumberland-avenue, W.C., but the chemist was unable to find him at that address.

PREVIOUS CONVICTIONS

Mr. Gwatkin said that in October, 1931, at West Ham Powell was fined £5 and £3 3s costs for pretending to be a surgeon. In January, 1934, he was bound over for 12 months for being an unauthorised person in possession of dangerous drugs, and in April, 1935, he was again convicted for a similar offence and was bound over for three years.

Mr. D. O'Malley, for Powell, said that behind the case was a tragic story. Powell became addicted to morphia, following a series of operations in the treatment of which morphia was medically prescribed.

He has always wanted to be a doctor, and was employed at a hospital before he formed the drug-taking habit, said Mr. O'Malley. "During his travels as a ship's surgeon," I understand, he successfully treated various people."

RELAPSE AFTER CURE

Mr. O'Malley said that Powell had completely run through the money which he won in 1932, and now depended on the charity of relatives. Through having had that money he was enabled to gratify the craving which he developed for morphia.

Mr. O'Malley said that after his conviction in 1935 Powell underwent treatment which at first appeared to be successful. He married, and went to live with his Portuguese wife in Madeira, where the drug regulations were less stringent than they were here.

He was able to obtain supplies there, and instead of continuing his cure, he relapsed.

Mr. O'Malley said that Powell's sister had been in touch with a hospital for nervous diseases, which was prepared to take him and to undertake his cure.

The chairman of the bench, Mr. E. Ockwell, said that Powell had received hitherto all the assistance possible and had not profited by it. He needed discipline and close control, which he would get in prison.

OIL PRODUCED FROM GRAPESEEDS

Successful German Discovery

Berlin, Dec. 28. Oil from grape-seeds is the latest product of German laboratories, and it was announced yesterday that experiments carried out during the last wine season along the Rhine and Mosel have been so successful that it is expected to produce over a million litres of grape-seed oil next year.

This newest addition to the German Four-Year Plan will be used principally for household purposes but can also be adapted for technical purposes. The hulls of seeds remaining after the oil has been pressed out can be used as forage for animals.

Attempts to find utilisation for grape skins have also been attended by some success, and it is now announced that they can be utilised for the production of tartaric.—Transocean.

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All claims must be sent in to us on or before the Tuesday, 4th January, 1937, or they will not be recognised. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees, at 10.00 a.m. on Friday, the 31st Dec., 1937.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES CO.
Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1937.

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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 30th Dec., 1937, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 15th Jan., or they will not be recognised.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged/dutiable goods are examined.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 28th Dec., 1937, at 9 a.m. by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by W. R. LOXLEY & CO. (CHINA), LTD.

Agents.
Hong Kong, 23rd Dec., 1937. [8934]

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, within the Free Storage period.

Consignees are specially notified that it is necessary for a Revenue Officer to be present at the examination of damaged dutiable cargo.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 15th Jan., 1938, or they will not be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co. Agents.
Hong Kong, 26th Dec., 1937. [8551]

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All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 31st Dec., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 14th Jan., or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE Agents.
24th Dec., 1937. [8443]

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FOOCHOW, WUHAIR, CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	"NINGHAI"	On 1st Jan. Noon
HONGKAI & HAIPHONG	"KWANGTUNG"	On 2nd Jan. 3 p.m.
SWATOW, WUHAIR, CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUPEH"	On 4th Jan. 10 a.m.
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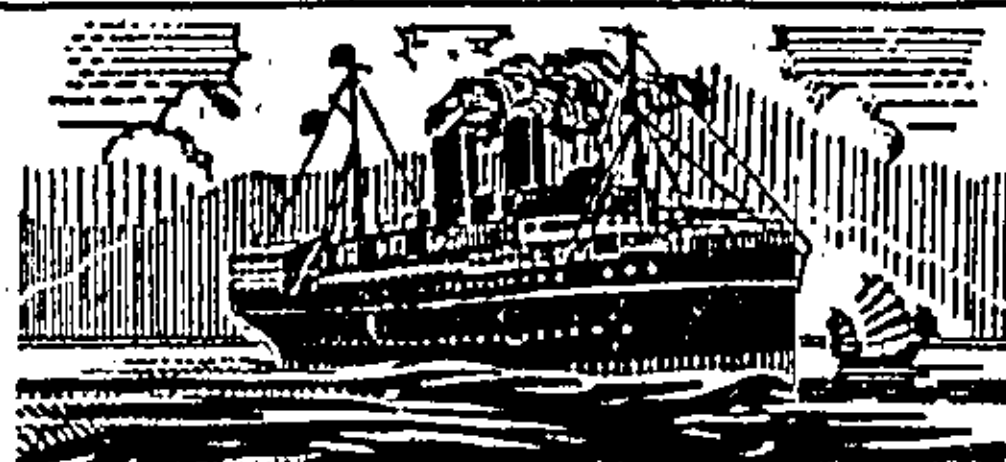
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S.S. TALMA

The B.I. and Apcar Line's s.s. Talma will leave Amoy on Dec. 29, and is due here on Dec. 30. She will leave Hong Kong for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta on or about Saturday, January 1, 1938, at 10.30 a.m.

S.S. NANKIN

The E. and A. Line's s.s. Nankin left Kobe for this port on Dec. 24

at p.m., and is due here on Dec. 30 at about a.m.

S.S. TITAN

The Butterfield and Swire's s.s. Titan is expected to arrive here from Singapore on December, at 6 a.m.

S.S. AGAPENOR

The Butterfield and Swire's s.s. Agapenor is expected to arrive in Hong Kong from Singapore on December 29 at noon.

R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CANADA

The R.M.S. Empress of Canada (Canadian Pacific S.S. Co., Limited) arrived at Kobe on Dec. 28 at 9.30 a.m. and leaves Kobe on Dec. 29 at 9 a.m. She is due at Yokohama on Dec. 30 at 7 a.m. and leaves Yokohama for Honolulu, Victoria and Vancouver on December 31 at 1 a.m.

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The P. and O. S.M. Co.'s s.s. Soudan left Shanghai on December 28, and is due here on December 30 at about noon.

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Dairen.

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Japan.

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Bali.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Bangkok. Yingshow, B. & S. Dec. 30. Hiram, Thoresen's, January 2. Helios, Thoresen's, January 17. Helios, Thoresen's, January 17.

Batavia.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, Jan. 4/5. Malayan Prince, Furness', January 11. Adnatus, B. & S., January 22.

Belawan-Deli.

Cremor, J.C.J. Line, January 6. Trave, Melchers', January 14.

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Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2. Neptuna, Gibb's, January 14. Taiping, B. & S., January 14.

Cebu.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Anna Maersk, Jochen's, January 5.

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Kwangtung, B. & S. Jan. 2. Hoilow. Kwangtung, B. & S. Jan. 2.

Hongkong.

Shantung, B. & S., Dec. 30. Madang. Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9.

Makassar.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Malayan Prince, Furness', January 11.

Manila.

Pres. Coolidge, Dollar's, December 31. Achilles, B. & S., January 2. Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2. Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Anna Maersk, Jochen's, January 5. Patroclus, B. & S., January 11. Malayan Prince, Furness', January 11. Taiping, B. & S., January 14. Potsdam, Melchers', January 18. Adnatus, B. & S., January 22.

Melbourne.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2. Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9. Taiping, B. & S., January 14.

Rabat.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2. Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9.

Salamanca.

Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9. Sandakan. Hingsang, J.M. & Co., Dec. 31. Malayan Prince, Furness', January 11. Tai Suen Hong, J.M. & Co., Jan. 12.

Scrabala.

Tjisadane, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Malayan Prince, Furness', January 11.

Saigon.

Athos II, Messageries', Dec. 29. Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9. D'Artagnan, Messageries', January 11.

Sydney.

Nankin, E. & A. S.S. Co., January 2. Neptuna, Gibb's, January 9. Taiping, B. & S., January 14.

Townsville.

Taiping, B. & S., January 14. Thursday Island. Taiping, B. & S., January 14.

WESTWARD

FROM HONG KONG TO EUROPE, AFRICA, ETC.

Aden. Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 30. Soudan, P. & O., January 1. Gaesteker, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Titania, Thoresen's, January 5. Rawalpindi, P. & O., January 8. Patroclus, B. & S., January 11. Corfu, P. & O., January 22.

Antwerp.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 30. Soudan, P. & O., January 1. Gaesteker, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Gleniffer, J.M. & Co., January 4. Titania, Thoresen's, January 5. Benmor, Loxley's, January 9.

Bombay.

Tovana Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29. Soudan, P. & O., January 1. Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 2. Malayan Prince, Furness', January 11. Adnatus, B. & S., January 22.

Boston and New York.

Marchen Maersk, Jochen's, Jan. 1. Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 2. Malayan Prince, Furness', January 11. Adnatus, B. & S., January 22.

Bromborough.

Antiochus, B. & S., January 21. Trave, Melchers', January 14.

Canton.

Kumsang, J.M. & Co., December 31. Talma, B.I. (Apcar), January 1. Tushima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 6. Kutsang, J.M. & Co., January 8. Sirdhana, B.I. (Apcar), Jan. 15. Suisang, Jardine's, January 17.

Casablanca.

Soudan, P. & O., January 1. Titania, Thoresen's, January 5.

Colombo.

Tovana Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29. Soudan, P. & O., January 1. Conte Verde, Lloyd Triestino, Jan. 2. Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 2. Santos Maru, O.S.K., Jan. 2. Gaesteker, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Arizona Maru, O.S.K., Jan. 4. Talma, B.I. (Apcar), January 1. Rawalpindi, P. & O., January 8. Patroclus, B. & S., January 11. D'Artagnan, Messageries', January 11. Trave, Melchers', January 14. Corfu, P. & O., January 22.

Genoa.

Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 30. Pres. Van Buren, Dollar's, Jan. 2. Gaesteker, J.C.J. Line, January 4. Potsdam, Melchers', January 18.

Glasgow.

Patroclus, B. & S., January 11. Gibraltar. Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 30. Kumsang, J.M. & Co., December 31. Soudan, P. & O., January 1. Talma, B.I. (Apcar), January 1.

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S.S. "FAUSANG" 9 Jan. at 10 a.m.
S.S. "TINGSANG" 16 Jan. at 10 a.m.

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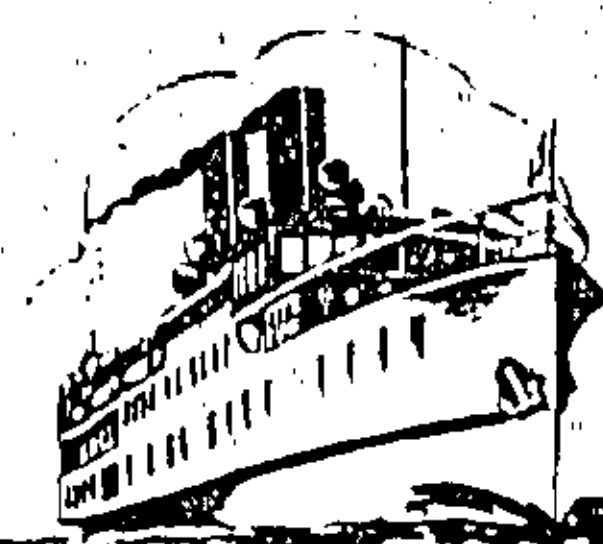
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Straits & Ceylon	Transoceanic	Singapore, Batavia, Colombo	Jan. 14
	Potadam	Singapore, Batavia, Colombo	Jan. 18
Manila	Potadam	Manila	Jan. 18
Japan	Potadam	Yokohama, Kobe	Jan. 7
North China	Falda	Dairen, Tientsin	Jan. 18
South Sea Islands	Widerun	Nyding, Salamaua, Tulagi, Rabaul, etc.	Feb. 3
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REMINISCENCES OF THE CORONATION

(Continued from Page 2)

Australians billeted in our Hotel and they had to be called at 5:30 a.m. They not only woke us all up but completely disorganised the early morning tea service for us and some of the language flying around was pretty fierce. At 9:30 a.m. a Green Line bus took us by devious routes to Wellington Barracks where we reported and were allowed to break off until 11:45 a.m. This enabled us to go to the Stand near Buckingham Palace where most of our relatives obtained special seats for 15s/- per head and saw everything coming and going. I was actually able to talk to my family and to see the King and Queen leaving the Palace in the famous kilted coach. This was precisely at 10:34 a.m. as per schedule.

At 11:45 a.m. we fell in in our marching order eight abreast and marched to the head of the Mall where we halted while the Coronation Service was being broadcast by loud-speakers to the various stands. As soon as the King was crowned and the gun salutes were fired from St. James' Park, the band of the Rifle Brigade who had taken up their position ahead of us, marched us down the Mall followed by the Scots Guards and various other detachments which joined us at different localities. Our Crown Colony Contingent led the whole procession and so were able to get a good view of the crowds ahead and on either side. We were followed by Dominion Troops in order of Juniority. Burma having just received Dominion Status was just behind us, then came Rhodesia, South Africa, New Zealand, Australia, Newfoundland, Canada and India. After the Dominion Troops followed Territorials, Regulars, Guards and then Their Majesties. It must have been a wonderful pageant of colour to the onlookers but all we saw were the crowds and the troops lining the streets.

Instead of marching up to the Abbey we turned left at Bridge Street and left again along the embankment where thousands of school children were standing on both sides of the embankment which had been reserved specially for them. Here the cheers were absolutely deafening and I remarked to the Colonel from Antigua that this was no wonder because we were heading the Procession and were the first troops to be seen by the school children since 6 o'clock that morning, except those who were lining the routes. We were allowed to indulge in chocolate bars for lunch until the signal arrived that the King and Queen were leaving the Abbey.

THE GALLANT MAJOR

One or two amusing incidents occurred while we were waiting for the signal to go on. I was engrossed in watching a tall, much bearded Major from Fiji in front of me throwing kisses to the girls at the top of Liberty's, much to the amusement of the latter. This fellow was very handsome and very like Maurice Chevalier. In fact, we gave him this nickname. Rotarian Ross tells me that he saw something even more exciting than this, and that was a girl sitting with her back to us on one of the temporary hoardings or crush-barriers as they were called, waiting for a policeman to pass on before she climbed right over. These crush-barriers were about 14 feet high and when she got one leg over she revealed so much of her underclothes as to cause the troops to cheer. This made the policeman look back, but as he did not appear to notice her, over came the other leg with still more revelations and still greater cheers! (Laughter).

"MOVE ON!"

Eventually a huge red and white striped disc was waved in front of us by a mounted policeman to signify that the King and Queen were leaving the Abbey and the Procession had to move on. We then continued on by way of Oxford Street where Beltridg's decorations were the most wonderful in the whole route. We followed the route home through Marble Arch, East Carriage Drive and Constitution Hill, and it was when we were going down here that the first spots of rain were felt. We marched past the Palace, round Queen Victoria Memorial to deafening cheers and back into Wellington Barracks.

The day after the Coronation we had a practice parade for the following day, Friday the 14th. The Adjutant of our Contingent, having come from West Africa, with



The last stand at Nanking.

SHANGHAI POLICE OFFICER RETIRES

Insp. H. Jefferson Leaves

Old police comrades and others turned out in full numbers on December 22, to bid farewell to Insp. R. J. Jefferson, of the Municipal Police, who has retired after 25 years, service to the Council and sailed in the German liner Scharnhorst bound for England via Suez, the following day.

A presentation was made to Insp. Jefferson at the Chengtu Road Station, of which he was in charge at the time of his retirement. A large assembly was present, including members of the detective branches, and every foreign rank from Assistant Commissioner to Probationary Sergeant was represented. Virtually every station in the Settlement also was represented.

Insp. Jefferson, who during his career in Shanghai has been in charge of various Settlement police stations, was in former days a brilliant sportsman and athlete, excelling at swimming, tennis, shooting and football.

admirable staff work arranged that the African Contingent should be the leading section and the remaining Crown Colonies No. 2 section of our Contingent. On the Friday morning we found that Wellington Barracks had been invaded by over 2,000 Colonial Troops from every part of the Empire. We found that the large India Contingent was leading us to Buckingham Palace and their multi-coloured uniforms were a wonderful and gorgeous display. They were followed by Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Rhodesia, Burma, then ourselves the Crown Colonies.

Every member of the Contingent received their medals from a member of the Royal Family and after the ceremony was over, we marched past in fours to the tune of the "Soldiers of the King," headed by India with ourselves following up in the rear. Through-out the march past Queen Mary stood firmly to attention and everyone was full of admiration for her. The Australians marched past to "Land of Hope and Glory" and the Canadians to "The Maple Leaf for Ever."

I am afraid these reminiscences have been rather personal but I hope they have been as interesting to you as they were to me at the time. I regret that no words of mine however grandiloquent could do justice to such a soul-stirring and memorable occasion.

SPEAKER THANKED

Rotarian P. S. Cassidy, called upon to propose a vote of thanks to the speaker, said the task was a most pleasant one. Rotarian Mitchell's talk had driven home to them much more than reading in the papers what the Coronation meant from an Imperial point of view and also from the point of view of the whole civilised world, because he rather gathered it was of as great interest to America and France and other countries, and they realised from Rotarian Mitchell what a wonderful gathering it was. He thanked him all the more because it was very seldom anyone from the Colonies, returning from a Home function for which he had been chosen, could be persuaded to recount his experiences. (Laughter and Applause).

STILL ON THE "BLACK LIST"

Regulations made during the cholera epidemic last August, affecting the sale of cut fruit, ice cream, non-aerated waters, Chinese jellies and dishes have been rescinded by the Governor in Council.

Quarantine restrictions imposed by the Netherlands East Indies and Japan against arrivals from Hong Kong have also been rescinded.

Hong Kong, however, is still an infected port on account of cholera in the Philippine Islands, Siam, French Indo-China, Belra (Portuguese East Africa) and Tangku.

Inspection of all incoming vessels from Hong Kong is carried out at all Philippine ports where third class passengers and new crew must comply with vaccination requirements. Similar vaccination is also insisted on at Bangkok, unless passengers and crew can produce evidence of successful recent vaccination.

PEAK RESIDENCE BURGLED

Mr. H. Donovan of No. 409, The Peak, has reported that someone entered the house early yesterday by breaking a pane of glass in a window. The intruder was disturbed and left without taking anything.

WEATHER REPORT

HONG KONG ROYAL OBSERVATORY

10 a.m., Dec. 28.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.11 ins.
Temperature, 65 F.
Humidity, 75 per cent.
Wind Direction, East.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Temperature; maximum yesterday, 66 F.
Temperature; minimum last night, 61 F.
Rainfall for 24 hours, ending 10th day, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1, 82.49 ins.
Against an average of 85.02 ins.
Sunset to-night, 5:47 p.m.
Sunrise to-morrow, 7:02 a.m.
4 p.m., Dec. 28.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.03.
Temperature, 65 F.
Humidity, 70.
Wind Direction, East.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.
Minimum temperature, 61.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From December 25, to 31, 1937

Days of Week	Day	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	26	h.m.	ft. in.	h.m.	ft. in.
		09 37	5 4	08 55	2 7
		18 18	6 7	22 14	4 0
Sun.	28	04 04	4 8	09 29	3 0
		17 08	5 8	—	—
Mon.	27	05 42	4 3	00 01	2 5
		17 55	6 8	10 29	2 3
Tue.	28	07 17	4 2	01 08	2 5
		18 37	6 7	11 18	2 5
Wed.	29	08 20	4 2	01 52	2 8
		19 18	7 0	12 08	2 6
Thur.	30	09 22	4 3	02 37	1 8
		19 50	7 3	12 55	3 7
Fri.	31	10 04	4 3	03 20	1 5
		20 22	7 6	13 43	2 7

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HONG KONG RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

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Further particulars may be obtained on application at the Radio Office.

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Letters and Postcards for Europe and South America are forwarded "via Siberia" if so superscribed.

INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
STRAITS	Agapenor	29th Dec.
JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Athos II	29th Dec.
JAPAN	Ryutoku Maru	29th Dec.
STRAITS	Tian	30th Dec.
JAPAN	Nankin	31st Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND MANILA	Pres. Grant	31st Dec.
(Seattle, date 11th December)		
CANADA, U.S.A., and JAPAN (Vancouver)	Emm. of Russia	29th Dec.
B.C., date 4th December)	Noto Maru	30th Dec.
JAPAN	Talma	30th Dec.
AMOR	Tiadane	30th Dec.
JAPAN AND MANILA	Pan-American Airways Plane	30th Dec.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 22nd December		
SHANGHAI	Kwanlung	30th Dec.
SWATOW	Ninghai	30th Dec.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND MANILA	Pres. Coolidge	31st Dec.
(San Francisco, 11th Dec. 1937)		
JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Sudan	31st Dec.
JAPAN	Kashima Maru	31st Dec.
U.S.A., HONOLULU AND JAPAN	Pres. Van Buren	1st Jan.
(San Francisco, 4th December 1937)		
SWATOW	Susa Maru	1st Jan.
STRAITS	Yellors	1st Jan.
U.S.A. AND MANILA	Antenor	1st Jan.
STRAITS	Oente Verde	2nd Jan.
SHANGHAI	Nankin	2nd Jan.
JAPAN	Tian	2nd Jan.
AMOR	Tiadane	2nd Jan.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London, date, 25th December 1937.		
SWATOW	Nanning	3rd Jan.
U.S.A. AND SHANGHAI	Shirata	4th Jan.
SHANGHAI	Gleniffer	4th Jan.
JAPAN	Talhybius	4th Jan.

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WEDNESDAY		Wednesday, 29th 8.15 AM
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongsi	8.15 AM
Ban, kut, Malacca, Mauritius, Reunion, Madagascar and South Africa	Barentse	8.30 AM
Swatow	Yathir	9.30 AM
Kongmoon and (Pakhoi via Kongmoon)	Fook On	9.00 AM
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu, etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (To further points by surface transport as Services permit).	Eurasia Plane	G.P.O. & K.F. Reg. 9.00 AM Ord. 9.30 AM
Straits	Toyama Maru	1.30 PM
Port Bayard and Haiphong	G. G. Paul Downer	2.30 PM
Air Mail for "France Orient Service"—due Marseilles, 9th January, 1938.	Athos II	G.P.O. & K.F. Reg. 4.30 PM Ord. 5.00 PM
Saigon, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th January 1938	Athos II	G.P.O. & K.F. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
THURSDAY		Thursday, 30th
Swatow	Kwanlung	8.30 AM
Haiphong	Oanton	2.00 PM
Shanghai	Lushan	2.30 PM
*Straits and Calcutta	Kumsano	Par. 30th 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Air Mail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C." Airways Direct Service.	C.N.A.C. Plane	G.P.O. & K.F. Reg. 3.15 PM Ord. 3.45 PM
FRIDAY		Friday, 31st
Shanghai	Kaying	10.30 AM
Sandakan	Hinang	12.30 PM
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and EUROPE via Victoria B.C.—due Victoria B.C. 19th Jan.—and EUROPE via Siberia	Pres. Grant	Reg. 1.45 PM Ord. 2.20 PM
Manila	Pres. Coolidge	5.00 PM
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Service"—due Amsterdam, 11th January, 1938.	Kashima Maru	G.P.O. & K.F. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th January 1938	Kashima Maru	G.P.O. & K.F. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
*Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Par. 31st 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
Manila, Babaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 18th Jan., 1938	Nankin	Reg. 1/1 8.15 AM Ord. 1/1 10.00 AM

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